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ANALYSIS

N. Korea no-show raises tensions

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea was a no-show at a key regional security conference last week, dashing U.S. hopes for a sideline meeting aimed at restarting nuclear talks.

Instead, the communist state sent a fiery message with a series of missile tests that showed its determination to expand its arsenal amid the diplomatic deadlock.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un likely has several reasons for the show of force, including an effort to increase his negotiating power and to protest U.S.-South Korean military exercises, which are expected to begin Monday.

There's also a more basic motive, experts say, as the launches made clear that the North continues to develop short-range strike capabilities that could threaten not only South Korea but thousands of U.S. soldiers and other Americans stationed there.

Kim personally oversaw all the launches, which have shattered a lull in such activity after the leader announced last year that he was suspending long-range and nuclear tests to facilitate diplomacy with the U.S.

However, the North stopped short of crossing the red line set by President Donald Trump, who has said he's not worried because the weapons launched were not



Kim



29 dead in US after 2 mass shootings in under 24 hours

Associated Press

Two mass shootings at crowded public places in Texas and Ohio claimed at least 29 lives in less than 24 hours and left scores of people wounded, a shocking carnage even in a country accustomed to gun violence.

In the Texas border city of El Paso, a gunman opened fire Saturday morning in a shopping area packed with thousands of people during the busy back-to-school season. The attack killed 20 and wounded more than two dozen, many of them critically.

Hours later in Dayton, Ohio, a gunman wearing body armor and carrying extra ammunition magazines opened fire in a popular nightlife area, killing nine and injuring at least 26 people. The gunman was shot to death by responding officers.



AP photos

Top: Walmart employees react after a shooter opened fire at the store in El Paso, Texas, on Saturday. Above: Bodies are removed from the scene of a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, early Sunday morning.

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El Paso shooting to be treated as domestic terrorism

Ohio gunman kills 9 before being slain by police

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MILITARY

Report: Iran seizes tanker carrying 'smuggled fuel'

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TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian forces seized a ship in the Persian Gulf suspected of carrying smuggled fuel, state media reported Sunday, marking the Revolutionary Guard's third seizure of a vessel in recent weeks and the latest show of strength by the paramilitary force amid a spike in regional tensions.

State TV and the semi-official Fars news agency reported that seven crewmembers were detained when the ship was seized late Wednesday carrying 185,000 gallons of "smuggled fuel" from Iran. The local reports did not provide further details on the vessel or the nationality of the crew.

The news agency reported the ship was seized near Farsi Island, where a Revolutionary Guard naval base is located. The island sits in the Persian Gulf between Saudi Arabia and Iran, north of the Strait of Hormuz.

Guard commander Gen. Ramazan Zirahi was quoted by Iran's state TV saying the ship was seized in Iranian territorial waters and had been transporting diesel fuel. State TV and other local media also ran footage of the ship, but did not show any flag or identifying marker for the vessel.

"This foreign vessel had re-

ceived the fuel from other ships and was transferring it to Persian Gulf Arab states," Zirahi said in comments carried by Fars news agency.

It was not immediately clear why a ship carrying Iranian fuel would transfer its cargo to energy exporting Gulf states, but smuggling has been a source of concern in Iran. Iranian media reported last month that some 8 million liters of government-subsidized Iranian fuel are smuggled daily to other countries where prices are much higher.

The new claims would make this the third vessel seized by the Guard in the past two weeks, and the second accused of smuggling fuel.

The U.S. 5th Fleet, based in Bahrain, said it did not have information to confirm the reports. Maritime tracking experts also said they did not have any immediate information about the incident or details on the vessel.

Maritime intelligence firm Dryad Global said that, if confirmed, this is likely to be "another relatively low-key interception designed to signal to the West that Iran maintains the capability and intent to exercise its influence" in the Persian Gulf.

Tensions in the Persian Gulf have escalated recently, with the United States boosting its military presence in the region and



IRANIAN PRESIDENCY OFFICE/AP

President Hassan Rouhani speaks in northwestern Iran on Thursday. State media reported that Iranian forces seized a ship suspected of carrying smuggled fuel Sunday in the Persian Gulf.

six oil tankers targeted in the Gulf of Oman in unclaimed acts of sabotage that the U.S. blames on Iran. Iran has denied any involvement in those attacks.

In June, Iran shot down an American surveillance drone in the Strait of Hormuz. President Donald Trump came close to retaliating, but called off an airstrike at the last moment. Washington has since claimed that a U.S. warship downed an Iranian drone in the strait. Iran denies losing any aircraft in the area.

Maritime security in the region was further jolted in mid-July when Iranian Revolutionary Guard naval forces confirmed they'd seized a United Arab Emirates-based oil tanker, the Panamanian-flagged MT Riah, for allegedly smuggling some 264,000 gallons of fuel from

Iranian smugglers to foreign customers.

Also in July, the Guard seized a British-flagged vessel near the Persian Gulf in the Strait of Hormuz, in what some Iranian officials suggested was retaliation for the seizure of an Iranian oil tanker in a British Royal Navy operation off Gibraltar, near Spain.

The U.K. says the Iranian oil tanker was suspected of violating European Union sanctions on oil shipments to Syria. Iran denies the ship was bound for Syria but has not disclosed its destination. Officials in Spain initially said the tanker was seized upon request from the United States.

The current tensions stem from Trump's decision last year to withdraw the U.S. from Iran's 2015 nuclear accord with world powers and impose sweeping

sanctions on the country that have crippled its economy. In response, Iran began openly breaching limits set by the nuclear agreement to pressure European signatories to provide economic relief to help offset the sanctions.

Maritime security around the Persian Gulf is of international importance. The Strait of Hormuz sits at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, a shipping channel for one-fifth of all global crude exports. Petroleum products from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain are exported through the strait to countries around the world.

Some 67,533 ships sailed through the strait last year, according to data from maritime publication Lloyd's List sourcing research by Russell Group.

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Military considers weaponry plans as INF treaty expires

Esper wants intermediate-range missile to be deployed to Pacific

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

SYDNEY — U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said he wants to deploy an intermediate-range conventional missile in the Pacific region within months, now that the Trump administration has formally pulled out of a Cold War-era arms control treaty with Russia.

Esper, however, added that it will likely take some time to develop the more advanced land-based missile capabilities. The move is likely to anger China, but Esper said Beijing shouldn't be surprised by it.

"It's fair to say, though, that we would like to deploy a capability sooner rather than later," Esper told reporters traveling with him to Australia on Friday. "I would prefer months. I just don't have the latest state of play on timelines."

Esper's comments come as the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty expired Friday, and the U.S. said it planned to begin testing new missiles that would have been prohibited under the accord. The U.S. has complained for years that Moscow has been violating the treaty and that a Russian system banned by the agreement is a direct threat to the U.S. and its allies.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the formal U.S. withdrawal on Friday, saying that "the United States will not remain party to a treaty that is deliberately violated by Russia."

Esper, who was confirmed as Pentagon chief on July 23, wouldn't detail possible deployment locations in Asia, saying it would depend on discussions with allies and other factors.

He downplayed any reaction from China, saying that "80 percent of their inventory is intermediate-range systems, so that shouldn't surprise them that we would want to have a like capability."

He said that because of the great distances within the Indo-Pacific region, U.S. development of offensive intermediate-range precision weapons is important.

Some Pentagon estimates have suggested that a low-flying cruise missile with a potential range of about 620 miles could be flight-tested this month and be ready for deployment in 18 months. A ballistic missile with a range of roughly 1,860 to 2,490 miles could take five years or more to deploy.

Neither would be nuclear-armed.

The INF Treaty was signed in 1987 and banned land-based missiles of ranges between 310 and 3,410 miles. Its demise comes as world powers seek to contain the nuclear threat from Iran and North Korea. And it signals another milestone in the deterioration of relations between the U.S. and Russia.

Esper also added his voice to those who believe that extending the New START Treaty may not make sense. New START expires in February 2021 and is the only remaining treaty constraining

U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals.

"Trump has called New START 'just another bad deal' made by the Obama administration and has said he wants to negotiate a three-way nuclear arms control agreement among the U.S., Russia and China."

Mark Esper
U.S. defense secretary

other nuclear powers and expand the types of weapons controlled by the treaty. He added that he does not believe this will trigger a new arms race, but that the U.S. needs to deploy missile capabilities that can protect both Europe and the Pacific region.

Esper arrived in Sydney for the annual meeting of U.S. and Australian defense and foreign ministers. Pompeo is also attending.

Esper's weeklong trip will also take him to New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and Mongolia.

It will be his first overseas trip as a Senate-confirmed secretary. Former acting Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan, who stepped down before his confirmation, visited both Japan and South Korea in June.

Esper said he is returning to the region in order to affirm the U.S. and his own personal commitments to the Indo-Pacific. The Pentagon's national defense strategy deems China and Russia as America's top strategic competitors.



JONATHAN ERNST, POOL/AP

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, left, and Defense Secretary Mark Esper attend a meeting with Australian leaders in Sydney on Sunday. Esper wants the U.S. to deploy an intermediate-range conventional missile in the Pacific region.

US confident it will persuade allies to help form Gulf maritime coalition

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

SYDNEY — Senior U.S. leaders expressed confidence that they will be able to persuade allies to help protect shipping in the Persian Gulf area against Iranian threats, but they provided no new details Sunday on which nations may be willing to participate.

Speaking at a meeting between U.S. and Australian leaders, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said he has already gotten a good response from allies and some announcements could be expected soon. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told reporters that a lot of conversations are taking place.

But their Australian counterparts here made no commitments.

"The request the United States has made is a very serious one and a complex one. That's why we are currently giving this request very serious consideration," said Australian Defense Minister Linda Reynolds. "No decision has been made."

She said her country will decide based on what is in its own best sovereign interests.

Called "Operation Sentinel," the plan was triggered in June amid Trump administration concerns that Iran was behind a series of attacks on commercial ships in the Persian Gulf region.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, has said



RICK RYCKROFT, POOL/AP

Australian Defense Minister Linda Reynolds said Sunday following talks with U.S. counterparts in Sydney that Australia has not committed to a U.S. plan to help protect shipping in the Persian Gulf region.

the Pentagon has developed a specific plan, and the U.S. military's main role would be to provide "maritime domain awareness" — intelligence and surveillance information — to the ships of coalition partners that would conduct patrols in vulnerable waterways like the Strait of Hormuz, which separates the Persian Gulf from the Gulf of Oman, as well as the Bab el Mandeb, a heavily trafficked strait between Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula and Djibouti and Eritrea in the Horn of Africa.

Any escorting of commercial ships would be done by military

ships sailing under the flag of the commercial vessel, he said.

Esper broached the idea of a coalition to allies during a NATO meeting, but so far the U.S. has received few public commitments from other nations. Instead, some European nations have expressed concerns that the operation could provoke conflict, and they are more interested in a diplomatic solution.

Pompeo and Esper, however, suggested Sunday that nations are quietly expressing some support and may be willing to make public commitments soon.

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Experts: Exercise flexed Indo-Pacific coalition strength

By CATLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

Talisman Sabre 2019, the monthlong, multinational military exercise led by the U.S. and Australia, demonstrated that the U.S. has allies ready to help keep order in the Indo-Pacific region.

This year's version of Talisman Sabre, the eighth, was the biggest yet. While intended as a generic team-building exercise, it also sent a message to China that any attempt to assert dominance in the region will be met by a unified front, outside observers say.

Starting in 2005 with 11,000 U.S. and 6,000 Australian troops taking part, Talisman Sabre this year involved 34,000 troops from six countries, according to the Australian Department of Defence. Japan, Canada, New Zealand and the U.K. sent contingents to join those from the U.S. and Australia.

The Indo-Pacific region is where the future of the world will be shaped, "but it's also a region where there are challenges that more than one nation is going to address itself," said Rear Adm. Fred Kacher, commander of the Sasebo, Japan-based Amphibious Force 7th Fleet, on Tuesday. "The Indo-Pacific is a region that I would say is too big for one nation to go it alone."

Military units drilled across the eastern coast of Australia including, for the first time, Japan's newly formed Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade. The U.S. sent an aircraft carrier strike group and an amphibious assault ship and supporting vessels, along with other units. The Australians and Japanese sent two ships built for amphibious assault, including a Japanese helicopter carrier. The exercise concluded with a ceremony Tuesday.

Officially, Talisman Sabre is not aimed at any one country, Kacher told reporters aboard the USS Wasp July 15. The exercise scenario called for liberating a fictional island named from a fictional invader, according to the Australian Defence Department.

However, to outside observers, the intent was clear. The exercise was "meant to send the strongest message to China," said Stephen Nagy, a politics and international studies professor at Tokyo's International Christian University and Japan Institute for International Affairs visiting fellow.

"Multilateral exercises such as Talisman Sabre demonstrate to rule-breakers that states are willing to work with like-minded countries to protect, preserve and buttress a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific," Nagy said Thursday in an email to Stars and Stripes.

Since 2012, Beijing has claimed and militarized islands in the South and East China seas, extending its influence in the resource-rich waters where more than 20% of the world's commerce flows, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Its neighbors in the region, some with competing claims, object to Chinese assertions, and the U.N. in 2016 rejected its territorial claims in the South China Sea in a case brought by the Philippines. The U.S. maintains that the seas are international waters and free for all countries to sail through.

China sent a spy ship to observe Talisman Sabre, according to a July 12 report by Australia's ABC News.

Building coalitions with regional partners is crucial if the U.S. intends to curb China in the region, and exercises like Talisman Sabre are key to solidifying those bonds, said Daniel Kliman, director of the Center for a New American Security's Asia Pacific Security program.



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Members of Japan's Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade come ashore near Bowen, Australia, during Talisman Sabre 2019 on July 22.

One of the key obstacles to China's ambitions in the region today is America's network of alliances.

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Talisman Sabre are key to solidifying those bonds, said Daniel Kliman, director of the Center for a New American Security's Asia Pacific Security program.

"One of the key obstacles to China's ambitions in the region today is America's network of alliances," Kliman said in a phone interview last Wednesday. "They're helpful in terms of demonstrating to China the balance of power remains with the U.S. and its allies."

Talisman Sabre also feeds a narrative favored by China that the U.S. is undermining China's prosperity, Nagy said.

"It has strengthened the containment narrative that Beijing has had concerns about for decades," Nagy said. "It also strengthens the regime's raison d'être in that they play the 'foreigners are trying to keep the Chinese down' card."

China, in a defense white paper

last month, said the U.S. "has provoked and intensified competition among major countries" and "undermined global strategic stability." Nagy said multinational exercises like Talisman Sabre counter such statements.

"Without a multilateral approach, China will claim that outsiders — in particular, the U.S. — are bringing instability to the region," Nagy said.

The exercise scenario assumed a well-equipped adversary and employed skills applicable anywhere in the Indo-Pacific region "for any challenge that occurs," Kacher said during a Tuesday press conference aboard the USS Wasp livestreamed by 7 News Cairns.

For Japan, that scenario has potential real-world applications, Nagy said. It's in a dispute with China over ownership of the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea. In Beijing, they're called the

Diaoyu Islands.

"The amphibious forces are a demonstration of Japan's capability and willingness to develop and deploy troops able to take back peripheral islands from an invading force," Nagy said in an email. "The hypothetical enemy is unnamed but there really is only one state with the capability and interest in seizing the Senkaku — China."

Japan's heightened participation in Talisman Sabre this year also signaled a commitment to its U.S. alliance, Nagy said. At the G-20 summit at Osaka in late June, President Donald Trump, in remarks to reporters, criticized the 68-year-old U.S.-Japan defense treaty as unfair, according to a Reuters report. The U.S. must come to Japan's aid if attacked, he said, but Japan is not equally obligated.

"This support is driven by the desire to constrain China and support and preserve a rules-based order," Nagy said. "It is also a strong signal to the Trump administration that Japan is contributing to the alliance not just through checkbox diplomacy but through naval capabilities."

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Grand jury in Honolulu indicts woman in Benadryl death of toddler

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An Oahu grand jury indicted a woman Thursday for manslaughter in connection with the Benadryl overdose death of a 7-month-old girl in her care.

Honolulu police July 20 arrested Dixie Denise Villa, 41, on a \$1 million warrant, and she has remained in custody since then.

Circuit Judge Shirley Kawamura reduced the hold Thursday to \$500,000 after the grand jury chose not to find Villa eligible for a life prison term.

The normal penalty for manslaughter is 20 years in prison. It can be extended to life with possible release on parole if the

victim was 8 years old or younger. A judge may impose an extended sentence only if



Villa

a guilty defendant was notified in the charging document, in this case the indictment, that he or she is eligible.

Police said Villa reported finding Abigail Lobisch unresponsive in her Aliamau Military Reservation home the morning of Feb. 24. A city ambulance went to the home, but emergency responders could not revive the girl.

Anna Lobisch told police she handed off her daughter and Abigail's 2½-year-old

brother to Villa on Feb. 23 for Villa to care for over the weekend.



Lobisch

Police last month classified the case as manslaughter after Dr. Jon Gates, a forensic pathologist at the Honolulu Department of the Medical Examiner, determined that Abigail Lobisch died from an overdose of diphenhydramine, the active ingredient in the antihistamine Benadryl.

Gates says in his autopsy report that Benadryl should not be given to children under 6 years old without consulting a phy-

sician and should not be used to make a child fall asleep.

Police said Villa told them the only thing she administered to Lobisch was lotion for sunburn. Benadryl does make creams, but Villa told police that she administered a different brand of lotion.

Deputy Prosecutor Tiffany Kaeo told Kawamura that the Oahu Intake Service Center had recommended supervised release for Villa.

She said she requested the \$500,000 bail because Villa has immediate family members scattered throughout the mainland to whom she could flee. She also said Villa has a 1999 misdemeanor battery conviction in Florida.

Villa's husband, who is in the Navy, filed for divorce in May.

PACIFIC

Making peace with the past

Ceremony at temple near Hiroshima honors American servicemembers killed during WWII

By JAMES BOLINGER
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Stars and Stripes

HIROSHIMA, Japan — A group of Japanese citizens gathered recently at a memorial service for American servicemembers killed 74 years ago near Hiroshima during World War II — including a handful of prisoners of war who perished in the first wartime atomic bombing.

More than 150 people, many from 22 local Buddhist temples of various denominations, gathered July 27 at the Kyosenji — a temple in Kusatsu, western Hiroshima — to remember the crews of more than 20 U.S. aircraft downed during an attack on the Imperial Japanese Navy on July 28, 1945, near Kure city. “It was reminded of the Buddhist teaching, which says everyone in the world is your family and brothers, and that it is wrong to be divided into friends and enemies and hurt each other,” Ippo Kosen, head priest at Kyosenji and co-organizer of the memorial service, told Stars and Stripes on July 24.

Most of the POWs taken that day came from two U.S. Army Air Corps B-24 Liberator bombers, the Talao and the Lonesome Lady. Eight crewmembers survived from the Lonesome Lady, which crashed near what is now Yanai city. Three aboard the Talao survived. It crashed in the Saeki area of Hiroshima, close to the temple where the service was held.

The 11 survivors who parachuted out of the broken planes, along with three crewmen from two U.S. Navy planes that were shot down, were taken as POWs by the Japanese military to Hiroshima. Twelve of those Americans died as the result of the blast when the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

Kosen said he helped organize the memorial service after meeting with Shigeaki Mori, a historian and hibakusha, which is the Japanese term for an atomic bomb survivor. Kosen had also read Mori’s book, “The Secret History of American Soldiers Killed by the Atomic Bomb,” published in 2008.

Mori researched the stories of each American, contacted their families in the United States and helped get their names added to the registry of atomic bomb victims. A short documentary film called “Paper Lanterns” details his meeting with the families of two POWs who died at Hiroshima.

A necessary memorial

Kosen said he was in elementary school during the war and was taught that the Americans and British were devils. Over time, he said, he realized that was wrong. “After meeting Mr. Mori many



Above: A local resident prays during a memorial service Saturday for U.S. airmen downed in World War II in western Hiroshima. **Left:** A man offers a two-headed origami crane during the service.

PHOTOS BY
JAMES BOLINGER
Stars and Stripes

times, I realized that it is necessary to hold a memorial service for U.S. servicemembers who were deployed and died in Kusatsu,” he said.

Mori told Stars and Stripes on July 25 that he first suggested a memorial service for the Talao’s co-pilot, 1st Lt. Rudolph Flanagan, who parachuted from the Talao and landed in the water near Kyosenji temple and later died from his injuries.

The memorial eventually grew into a service for all the Americans who died in the area during World War II.

Flanagan’s family was told by the U.S. military that the lieutenant was missing in action and they never knew how he had died. His remains were eventually recovered and buried in Hawaii.

His great-nephew, Michael Flanagan, while searching in 2015 for information about his great uncle, came across articles written about Mori’s work. Michael Flanagan contacted Mori after his wife discovered the website — hi-

roshima-pows.org — in December with information about Mori. The two men exchanged emails Feb. 23 and have been in regular contact since.

Mori told Michael Flanagan about his great uncle and sent him a piece of the Talao. In return, Mori received a photo of Lt. Flanagan, a group photo of the Talao crew posing in front of the aircraft and a shot of the grave in Honolulu.

Lt. Flanagan’s photo was on display during the memorial service along with pieces of the aircraft and other memorabilia locals saved from the wreckage.

According to Mori’s book, Flanagan was spotted by fishermen when he landed near Kusatsu. He was beaten with a pole before he was taken ashore and died shortly afterward. The autopsy performed at a Japanese hospital found that he would have died from the bullet wounds he suffered before the crash even without the beating, according to the book.

the service.

The two-headed crane represents the jivamjivaka, a two-headed bird that is said to live in paradise, Kosen said. He got the idea from former President Barack Obama, who offered a paper crane when he visited Hiroshima in 2016.

The offerings evoked a core teaching of Buddhism that says everyone lives in coexistence and is connected, therefore every life should be valued, Kosen said.

After the offering, the audience watched “Paper Lanterns” and listened to Mori and area residents share first-hand stories about the aircraft crash. The service ended when the audience sang a Buddhist hymn while Mori’s wife, Kayoko, played piano.

“It is a Japanese custom to give memorial services for the dead,” Koshi Kobayashi, a member of the POW Research Network Japan, said after the ceremony. “Seventy-four years after the deaths of these men, Mr. Mori’s wish to give them a memorial service was realized for the first time. I hope the 12 American servicemembers who died will be [reborn] in heaven.”

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Deeds bridge cultures

Michael Flanagan said his family was honored that the Japanese Buddhist priests of their own volition held a memorial service for his great uncle and the other Americans.

“I cannot express how much this memorial service meant to me and my family,” he said in an email. “I didn’t know much about my great-uncle’s story until recently. Sadly, my great-grandmother never accepted Rudolph’s death and never talked about him, other than saying she hoped he was found and taken in by a nice family in Japan. All of his documents and photos were put away inside a chest in my grandparents’ house.”

The service began with the monks reading sutra or scripture and the ringing of a gong. A message from Michael Flanagan, translated into Japanese, was read aloud. The attendees made offerings of two-headed origami cranes, which were folded before

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intercontinental ballistic missiles that could target the U.S. mainland.

Short-range threat

"Trump is downplaying this, and the effect that that has is that it emboldens Kim Jong Un," said David Maxwell, a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a Washington-based think tank. "He's able to improve his military capabilities without paying any price."

Critics also noted that Trump's reaction minimizes the threat to regional targets, which could raise concerns about the U.S. commitment to South Korea, which has been a key ally since the 1950-53 Korean War.

"Kim Jong Un believes as long as he doesn't test a weapon or ICBM, he can do whatever he wants," Maxwell said in a telephone interview. "That allows him to do a lot of things that will drive a wedge in the alliance. He is amping up the threat to South Korea while minimizing the threat to the United States."

The recent activity began July 25 when the North launched two short-range ballistic missiles similar to those that were fired in early May.

Military officials said the missiles, which use solid fuel and were launched from a truck, were similar to Russia's Iskander and apparently designed to evade U.S. and South Korean defense systems on the divided peninsula.

"Kim may want to demonstrate two things: that he could be testing ICBMs, as North Korea threatened to do a few weeks ago, but is so far exercising restraint," said Ferial Saeed, a former American diplomat who has worked on North Korea policy.

If the missiles were undetectable by radar, as suggested, the North's "capabilities have improved — and in ways Washington would find particularly worrisome," she said.

North Korea's state-run media described them as a "solemn warning" to Seoul against joining the United States in joint drills, which it considers rehearsals for an invasion.

It also criticized South Korea's purchase of F-35 stealth fighter jets — the first of which have already been delivered.

On Wednesday and Friday, the North test-fired what it called a new "large-caliber multiple launch guided rocket system," which analysts said could improve its ability to strike key military bases in the South, including the U.S. military's new headquarters base, Camp Humphreys, and Osan Air Base.

Friday's "satisfactorily confirmed the altitude control level flight performance, track changing capability, accuracy of hitting a target and warhead explosion power of the guided ordnance rocket," the state-run Korean Central News Agency reported.

South Korean and U.S. officials said the weapons fired appeared to be short-range ballistic missiles.

Sanctions violation?

Trump suggested his patience has a limit with a series of tweets on Saturday, noting the missile tests didn't breach an agreement between the two leaders.

"There may be a United Nations violation, but Chairman Kim does not want to disappoint me with a violation of trust, there is far too much for North Korea to gain," he wrote.

Germany, France and the United Kingdom condemned the launches as violations of U.N. sanctions resolutions that ban the North from using ballistic missile technology.



PHOTOS FROM KCNA

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un watches a missile launch in this undated photo.



A North Korean missile is launched.

In a joint statement after a closed U.N. Security Council meeting, the three countries also urged the North to engage in "meaningful negotiations" with the United States and "to take concrete steps toward its complete, verifiable and irreversible

denuclearization."

Talks have been stalled since Trump and Kim failed to reach an agreement during a February summit in Vietnam, exposing deep differences over the extent of sanctions relief in exchange for steps toward

denuclearization.

The two leaders, who have been careful to avoid criticizing each other, agreed to resume working-level negotiations during an impromptu meeting at the Korean border on June 30. But no date has been set.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo expressed disappointment that the North didn't send a delegate to Thailand for an annual meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

"I wish they'd have come here. I think it would have given us an opportunity to have another set of conversations, and I hope it won't be too long before I have a chance to do that," he told reporters.

While Trump continued in his good cop role, senior State Department officials had harsher words about North Korea, saying the launches and its failure to appear at the ASEAN forum seemed to have galvanized sentiment against it.

U.S. diplomatic efforts also have been complicated by increasing tensions between allies South Korea and Japan, as well as an escalating trade war with China.

Saeed, a consultant with the risk management firm Telegraph Strategies LLC, said the North Koreans were seeking to maintain control by conducting launches and failing to appear at the ASEAN meeting.

"They seem to be setting the table for talks, and Kim Jong Un also likely needs to continue to satisfy those within his leadership circle who are wary of engagement," she said. "North Korea's absence in Bangkok drives home that Pyongyang needs the timing and pace of negotiations."

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MILITARY

USAF orders stand-down to address suicide rate

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Air Force units will stand down for one day within the next six weeks to address the spiraling number of suicides among airmen, officials said last week.

"Seventy-eight of our brothers and sisters have given up on life this year alone," Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth Wright said in a video message posted online by the Air Force on Thursday.

"That's 28 more than this time last year," Wright said. "If we don't do something, we could lose up to 150, 160 airmen in 2019. We can't let this keep happening."

If airman suicides continue at their current pace, this year's deaths by suicide in the service would far eclipse last year's. In 2018, 60 active-duty airmen, 17 Air National Guard members and three Air Force reservists died by suicide for a total of 80 airmen, according to the Defense Suicide Prevention Office.

In a letter last week to commanders, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein explained the decision for the stand-down, which Air Force Magazine was the first to report.

Goldfein reminded commanders how a year ago, he had assigned them to visit airmen basic training at Lackland Air Force

'This is the beginning of a much-needed dialogue between ... frankly, our entire Air Force. We have to get this thing turned around.'

Kaleth Wright
chief master sergeant of the Air Force

Base in Texas and consider why so many airmen "transition from unlimited hope on that parade ground to hopeless on our watch," according to the letter.

At that time last year, there had been 50 suicides in the Air Force, Goldfein said.

"I would have never predicted that a year later we would stand today at 78 suicides," he said. "Hopeful to hopeless ... what is going on? It is our job to find out."

In February, after a total of 11 airmen and Air Force civilians died by suicide in the first four weeks of 2019, Goldfein and other senior leaders made an urgent plea to commanders to "act now" to drive suicides down.

"We need an Air Force culture where it is more common to seek help than to try to go it alone," said the letter, signed by Goldfein, Wright and then-Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson.

But the numbers continued

to rise. By the end of March, 26 active-duty Air Force suicides had been reported — a rate of about one every three days and a number far higher than the nine reported during the first three months last year, according to a quarterly report by the Defense Suicide Prevention Office.

Researchers with the office have noted the most recent numbers are subject to change as more information about a death becomes available.

The 78 suicides this year are spread across the entire Air Force, officials said. Wright in his message said the stand-down should be a "break in the daily grind" so commanders and supervisors "can focus on their airmen and their well-being."

Units won't be told how to do this, Wright said, but he stressed it shouldn't be "a one-day effort to check a box. This is the beginning of a much-needed dialogue



CHRISTINE GROENING/U.S. Air Force

The Air Force announced it will pause operations for one day within the next six weeks so commanders can discuss suicide prevention and mental health with airmen. The yellow ribbon is an emblem of suicide awareness.

between airmen, command teams, helping agencies and, frankly, our entire Air Force. "We have to get this thing

turned around," he said.

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Air Force relocates drones as typhoon season ramps up

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Air Force is again sending one of its most high-tech intelligence-gathering platforms to Japan to sidestep extreme weather in the western Pacific.

A detachment of RQ-4 Global Hawks from 69th Reconnaissance Wing at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, will operate out of Yokota the remainder of this summer and fall, the 374th Airlift Wing said in a statement Friday.

The western Tokyo base is also home to U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force.

The statement did not say how many of the large, unmanned surveillance drones are relocating to Yokota or when they would begin arriving; however, five Guam-based Global Hawks and 105 personnel operated from the base in 2017.

The detachment is responsible for launching and landing the Global Hawks before handing control to airmen at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., and Beale Air Force Base, Calif. Their mission involves partnering with Japan and helping with humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and counterterrorism.

The drones routinely relocate to Japan to avoid typhoons in Guam and the nearby Northern Mariana Islands, which include Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Last year saw 35 storms, including seven super typhoons, blow across the western Pacific.

One of those, Yutu, the second-strongest typhoon to ever hit a U.S. state or territory since record keeping began in 1958, devastated Saipan and Tinian in October.

Months earlier, Super Typhoon Wutip brushed by Guam at 161 mph and interrupted the Cope



LEON COOK/Stars and Stripes

An RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned surveillance drone sits on the tarmac at Yokota Air Base, Japan, in 2017. The Air Force is relocating some drones to avoid typhoons in the western Pacific.

North exercise at Andersen.

In previous years, Guam's Global Hawk detachment has flown out of Misawa Air Base on the northern tip of Honshu. The drones moved to Yokota in 2017 because of runway construction at Misawa, which hosted the aircraft again last year.

The platform made international headlines in June when Iran used a surface-to-air missile to shoot down a Global Hawk over the Strait of Hormuz. Tehran claimed it was flying in Iranian

airspace, but U.S. Central Command maintains it was in international airspace. The Northrop Grumman-built drones, which can cost \$100 million depending on configuration, are thought to be capable of operating at an altitude of 60,000 feet, high above civilian air traffic, which normally does not surpass 40,000 feet. They can stay aloft for 34 hours and have a range of 14,000 miles.

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Navy: Sailor shot, killed after fleeing traffic stop

Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Military officials said a Navy sailor was shot and killed after fleeing a traffic stop in Virginia's Hampton Roads region.

News outlets reported the shooting occurred about 10 p.m. Friday on Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek in Virginia Beach. A Navy news release said the sailor was spotted driving erratically.

Security personnel tried to stop him, but the Navy said he sped toward a gate at speeds approaching 60 mph.

Barriers to the Navy, security barriers were activated and the sailor struck a gas pump as he changed course. He then fled on foot and was shot after a struggle with security personnel.

The Navy did not identify the man, an enlisted sailor.

Two Navy security personnel were treated on the scene for minor injuries.

NATION

Gunman opens fire in Ohio, killing 9, including his sister

By DAN SEWELL
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Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — A gunman in body armor opened fire early Sunday in a popular entertainment district in Dayton, Ohio, killing nine people, including his sister, and wounding dozens of others before he was quickly slain by police, city officials said.

Connor Betts, 24, was killed by police less than a minute after he started shooting a .223-caliber rifle in the streets of Dayton's historic Oregon District about 1 a.m. in the second U.S. mass shooting in less than 24 hours. Police haven't released further information about Betts or publicly discussed a motive.

His sister, Megan, 22, was the youngest of the dead, and they were all killed in the same area, police said. The other men and women who were killed ranged in age from 25 to 57.

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley said the shooter was wearing body armor and had additional high-capacity magazines. Had police not responded so quickly, "hundreds of people in the Oregon District could be dead today," she said.

The neighborhood, home to bars, restaurants and theaters, is "a safe part of downtown," said police Lt. Col. Matt Carper.

Whaley said at least 27 people were treated for injuries, and at least 15 of those have been released. Several more remain in serious or critical condition, hospital officials said at a news conference. Some suffered multiple gunshot wounds and others were injured as they fled, the officials said.

Nikita Papillon, 23, was across the street at Newcom's Tavern when the shooting started. She said she saw a girl she had talked to earlier lying outside the Ned Peppers Bar.

"She had told me she liked my outfit and thought I was cute, and I told her I liked her outfit and I thought she was cute," Papillon said. Papillon had been to Ned Peppers the night before, describing it as the kind of place "where you don't have to worry about someone shooting up the place."

"People my age, we don't think something like this is going to happen," she said. "And when it happens, words can't describe it."

Tianyca Leonard, 28, was in the back, smoking at Newcom's. She heard "loud thumps" that she initially thought was someone pounding on a dumpster.

"It was so noisy, but then you could tell it was gunshots and there was a lot of rounds," Leonard said.

Staff of Ned Peppers said in a Facebook post that they were left shaken and confused by the shooting. The bar said a bouncer was treated for shrapnel wounds.

A message seeking further comment was left with staff.

President Donald Trump was briefed on the shooting and praised law enforcement's speedy response in a tweet Sunday.

Gov. Mike DeWine issued his own statement, announcing that he ordered flags in Ohio remain at half-staff and offering assistance to Whaley and prayers for the victims.

Whaley said she has been in touch with the White House, though not Trump directly, and with DeWine. She said more than 50 other mayors also have reached out to her.

The FBI is assisting with the investigation.

A family assistance center was set up at the Dayton Convention Center, where people seeking information on victims arrived in a steady trickle throughout the morning, many in their Sunday best, others looking bedraggled from a sleepless night. Some local pastors were on hand to offer support, as were comfort dogs.

The Ohio shooting came hours after a young man opened fire in a crowded El Paso, Texas, shopping area, leaving 20 dead and more than two dozen injured. Just days before, on July 28, a 19-year-old shot and killed three people, including two children, at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Northern California.

Sunday's shooting in Dayton is the 22nd mass killing of 2019 in the U.S., according to the AP/USA Today/Northeastern University mass murder database that tracks homicides where four or more people were killed — not including the offender. The 20 mass killings in the U.S. in 2019 that preceded this weekend claimed 96 lives.

Whaley said the Oregon District was expected to reopen Sunday afternoon, and a vigil is planned Sunday evening. The minor league Dayton Dragons, who play in nearby Fifth Third Field, postponed their Sunday afternoon game against the Lake County Captains "due to this morning's tragic event."

The shooting in Dayton comes after the area was heavily damaged when tornadoes swept through western Ohio in late May, destroying or damaging hundreds of homes and businesses.

"Dayton has been through a lot already this year, and I continue to be amazed by the grit and resiliency of our community," Whaley said.



PHOTOS BY JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Authorities remove bloody rags and debris at the scene of a mass shooting Sunday in Dayton, Ohio.



Shoes are piled outside the scene of the mass shooting, including the Ned Peppers bar.

Some of most deadly recent mass shootings

Associated Press

Here is a list of some of the deadliest mass shootings in the United States in the last two years.

■ **Aug. 4, 2019.** A gunman wearing body armor shot and killed nine people at a popular nightlife area in Dayton, Ohio. Police were patrolling the area and killed the suspect.

■ **Aug. 3, 2019.** A gunman opened fire at a shopping center in El Paso, Texas, killing 20 people and injuring more than two dozen. A suspect was taken into custody.

■ **May 31, 2019.** Longtime city worker DeWayne Craddock opened fire in a building that houses Virginia Beach government offices. He killed 12 people and wounded several others before he was gunned down by police.

■ **Feb. 15, 2019.** Gary Martin killed five co-workers at a manufacturing plant in Aurora, Ill., during a disciplinary meeting where he was fired. He wounded one other employee and five of the first police officers to arrive at the suburban Chicago plant before he was killed during a shootout with police.

■ **Nov. 7, 2018.** Ian David Long killed 12 people at a country music bar in Thousand Oaks, Calif., before taking his own life. Long was a Marine combat veteran of the war in Afghanistan.

■ **Oct. 27, 2018.** Robert Bowers is accused of opening fire at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh during Shabbat morning services, killing

11 and injuring others. It's the deadliest attack on Jews in the U.S. in history.

■ **June 28, 2018.** A gunman shot through the windows of the Capital Gazette newspaper offices in Annapolis, Md., before turning the weapon on employees there, killing five. Authorities say Jarrod Ramos had sent threatening letters to the newspaper prior to the attack.

■ **May 18, 2018.** Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, is accused of killing eight students and two teachers during an art class at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas. There were 13 others wounded. Explosives were found at the school and off campus.

■ **Feb. 14, 2018.** Nikolas Cruz shot and killed 17 students and staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. It surpassed Columbine High School as the deadliest shooting at a high school in U.S. history.

■ **Nov. 5, 2017.** Devin Patrick Kelley, who had been discharged from the Air Force after a conviction for domestic violence, used an AR-style firearm to shoot up a congregation at a small church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing more than two dozen.

■ **Oct. 1, 2017.** Stephen Paddock opened fire on an outdoor musical festival on the Las Vegas Strip from the 32nd floor of a hotel-casino, killing 58 people and wounding more than 500. SWAT teams with explosives then stormed his room and found he had killed himself.

NATION

El Paso attack treated as domestic terrorism

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EL PASO, Texas — The shooting that killed 20 people at a crowded El Paso shopping area will be handled as a domestic terrorism case, federal authorities said Sunday as they weighed hate-crime charges against the gunman that could carry the death penalty.

A local prosecutor announced that he would bring capital murder charges against the suspect, saying the assailant “lost the right to be among us.”

The attack on Saturday morning was followed less than a day later by another shooting that claimed nine lives in a nightlife district of Dayton, Ohio. That shooter was killed by police.

Investigators were focusing on whether the El Paso attack was a hate crime after the emergence of a racist, anti-immigrant screed that was posted online shortly beforehand. Detectives sought to determine if it was written by the man who was arrested. The border city has figured prominently in the immigration debate and is home to 680,000 people, most of them Latino.

Using a rifle, the El Paso gunman opened fire in an area packed with as many as 3,000 people during the busy back-to-school shopping season. More than two dozen people were wounded, some with life-threatening injuries, police said.

Federal officials were treating the attack as a domestic terrorism case, according to the U.S. attorney.

The Justice Department was weighing federal hate-crime charges that could carry the death penalty, according to a person familiar with the department's decision-making process. The person was not authorized to speak on the record and spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press.

Despite initial reports of possible multiple gunmen, the man in custody is believed to be the only shooter, police said.

Law enforcement officials identified him as 21-year-old Patrick Crusius from Allen, which is a nearly 10-hour drive from El Paso. He was arrested without police firing any shots, authorities said.

El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen said the suspect was cooperative and “forthcoming with information.”

“He basically didn’t hold anything back. Particular questions were asked, and he responded in the way that needed to be answered,” Allen said.

Police did not know where the weapon was purchased. Allen acknowledged that it is legal under Texas law to carry a long gun openly in a public place.

Police say more than two dozen people were wounded in the attack at a shopping area about 5 miles from the main border checkpoint with Ciudad Juarez,



ANDRES LEIGHTON/AP

Relatives of victims of the Walmart mass shooting wait for information from authorities at the reunification center in El Paso, Texas, on Sunday.



CHRISTIAN CHAVEZ/AP

A woman sits next to a sign with a message that reads “No More Guns! Make Love!” in Juarez, Mexico, on Saturday where people were gathering for a vigil for the three Mexican nationals who were killed in the shooting.

Mexico. Many of the victims were shot at a Walmart.

“The scene was a horrific one,” Allen said, adding that many of the 26 people who were hurt had life-threatening injuries.

The shooting came less than a week after a 19-year-old gunman killed three people and injured 13 others at the popular Gilroy Garlic Festival in California before dying of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Adriana Quezada said she was in the women's clothing section of the Walmart with her two children when she heard gunfire.

“But I thought they were hits, like roof construction,” Quezada, 39, said of the shots.

Her daughter, 19, and son, 16, threw themselves to the ground, then ran out of the store through

an emergency exit. They were not hurt, Quezada said.



Crusius

three Mexican nationals were among the dead and six more were wounded.

Residents quickly volunteered to give blood to the wounded. President Donald Trump tweet-

At least 20 dead, dozens injured in mass shooting



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ed, “God be with you all!”

Democratic presidential candidate and former Texas Congressman Beto O'Rourke, who is from El Paso and was at a candidate forum Saturday in Las Vegas, appeared shaken after receiving news of the shooting in his hometown.

He said he heard early reports that the shooter might have had a military-style weapon, saying we need to “keep that (explosive) on the battlefield. Do not bring it into our communities.”

In the document that was posted online shortly before the shooting, the writer expressed concern that an influx of Hispanics into the United States will replace aging white voters, potentially turning Texas blue in elections and swinging the White House to

the Democrats.

The writer was also critical of Republicans for what he described as close ties to corporations and degradation of the environment. Though a Twitter account that appears to belong to Crusius included pro-Trump posts praising the plan to build more border wall, the writer of the online document says his views on race predated Trump's campaign and that any attempt to blame the president for his actions was “fake news.”

Though the writer denied he was a white supremacist, the document says “race mixing” is destroying the nation and recommends dividing the United States into territorial enclaves determined by race.

The first sentence of the four-page document expresses support for the man accused of killing 51 people at two New Zealand mosques in March after posting his own screed with a conspiracy theory about nonwhite migrants replacing whites.

El Paso Mayor Dee Margo said he knew the shooter was not from the city. “It's not what we're about,” the mayor said at the news conference with Gov. Greg Abbott and the police chief.

In the hours after the shooting, authorities blocked streets near a home in Allen associated with the suspect.

El Paso County is more than 80% Latino, according to the latest census data. Tens of thousands of Mexicans legally cross the border each day to work and shop in the city.

Trump visited in February to argue that walling off the southern border would make the U.S. safer, while city residents and O'Rourke led thousands on a protest march past the barrier of barbed-wire-topped fencing and towering metal slats.

O'Rourke stressed that border walls have not made his hometown safer. The city's murder rate was less than half the national average in 2005, the year before the start of its border fence. Before the wall project started, El Paso had been rated one of the three safest major U.S. cities going back to 1997.

The shooting was the 21st mass killing in the United States in 2019, and the fifth public mass shooting. Before Saturday, 96 people had died in mass killings in 2019 — 26 of them in public mass shootings.

The AP/USA Today/Northeastern University mass murder database tracks all U.S. homicides since 2006 involving four or more people killed, not including the offender, over a short period of time regardless of weapon, location, victim-offender relationship or motive. The database shows that the median age of a public mass shooter is 28, significantly lower than the median age of a person who commits a mass shooting of his family.

Since 2006, 11 mass shootings, including Saturday's, have been committed by men who are 21 or younger.

NATION

3 in family killed in California sea cliff collapse

Associated Press

ENCINITAS, Calif. — Three women killed when a Southern California sea cliff collapsed were members of a family gathered on a beach to celebrate one of them having survived breast cancer, authorities and relatives said Saturday.

Anne Clave, 35, and her mother, Julie Davis, 65, died at hospitals after tons of sandstone were unleashed Friday at Grandview Beach, the San Diego County Medical Examiner said. A family email obtained Saturday by KNSD-TV identified the third victim as Elizabeth Cox, Clave's aunt.

The victims were part of a family gathering celebrating Cox surviving breast cancer, the email said.

Cox died instantly at the scene, the email said. Her age wasn't given.

Clave "enriched the lives of all those around her with the joy and fun she brought to all," the email said, and Davis was an "incred-

ible grandmother."

The three women leave behind spouses, children and many members of their extended families, the news station reported.

"The nature of the accident and the loss is incomprehensible to all of us, our children and those around us," the email said.

Officials on Saturday reopened much of the popular surf beach that was closed following the tragedy.

Encinitas lifeguard Capt. Larry Giles said a lifeguard was posted near the collapse zone, which is still marked by yellow caution tape. Someone left a bouquet of flowers on a nearby rock.

A 30-foot-long slab of the cliff plunged onto the sand Friday afternoon north of downtown San Diego.

Geologists were on scene Saturday assessing the area around the collapse zone. Homes on top of the cliff were in no immediate danger, Giles said.

A lifeguard reported feeling and hearing the thud as the dense dirt landed on the beach.



PHOTOS BY HAYNE PALMOUR IV, THE SAN DIEGO TRIBUNE/AP

The area where Friday's sea cliff collapsed, killing three people, is taped off near the Grandview Beach access stairway in the beach community of Leucadia on Saturday in Encinitas, Calif.

"It just happened to take place outside his peripheral (vision)," Giles said, noting that the lifeguard had his eyes trained on the water.

Lifeguards and beachgoers scrambled to the towering pile of debris — estimated to weigh tens of thousands of pounds — to help search for victims.

"I saw first responders and I saw lifeguards frantically digging people out of the debris," Jim Pepperdine, who lives nearby, told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Pepperdine said he saw people trying to resuscitate a woman before her body was covered.

The woman died at the scene, and two more people later died at hospitals. Another person was taken to a hospital, and a person who had minor injuries was treat-



People look at the sand rock debris left from the collapse.

ed at the scene, officials said.

Authorities said they were all adults.

Search dogs were brought in to

hunt for other possible victims, and a skip loader was used to move the dense, heavy debris. No other victims were found.

Water in Hawaii volcano might trigger eruptions

By CALEB JONES
Associated Press

HONOLULU — For the first time in recorded history, a pond of water has been discovered inside the summit crater of Hawaii's Kilauea volcano, a development that could signal a shift to a more explosive phase of future eruptions.

After a week of questions about a mysterious green patch at the bottom of the volcano's Halemauau crater, the former home of a famed lava lake, researchers confirmed the presence of water on Thursday, officials with the U.S. Geological Survey told The Associated Press on Friday.

"The question is what does this mean in the evolution of the volcano?" USGS scientist emeritus Don Swanson said.

Halemauau has never had water since written observations began, he said, so the pond is unusual.

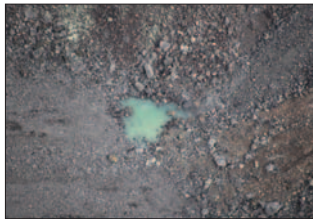
Scientists aren't exactly certain what will happen next, but when lava interacts with water, it can cause explosive eruptions.

One possibility is that lava could slowly heat up the groundwater and eventually create a new lava lake, Swanson said. Lava could also interact with the water table and create small explosions.

"The other possibility is that magma rises rapidly," Swanson said. "That could produce a larger explosion."

USGS officials stressed that there is currently "no reason to think hazards at the summit have increased or decreased" because of the discovery of water.

But Swanson said in June that the presence of



S. CONWAY, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAWAIIAN VOLCANO OBSERVATORY/AP

A small pond of green water is seen at the lowest point of Kilauea volcano in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, which could signal a shift in volcanic activity.

water could be a significant switch in the long-term activity of the volcano.

Kilauea has a history of alternating between long periods of explosive eruptions and times of slower, so-called effusive phases.

Explosive periods are exactly what they sound like — centuries of massive explosions that send hot debris racing down the hillsides and towering columns of rock and ash high into the atmosphere.

Effusive periods, which Kilauea has been in for about 200 years, are marked by slower, steady lava flows that — in comparison — trickle out of the ground.

The next explosive period, researchers believe, will be preceded by a massive collapse of Kilauea's caldera floor.

An eruption that was ongoing for more than 30 years came to a dramatic end last year when lava exploded from Kilauea's flank and covered a huge swath of land, destroying hundreds of homes in one of the largest eruptions in recent history.

Teen's kin anxious for truth to come out in Rome slaying

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The family of one of the two California teenagers held in the slaying of an Italian police officer is looking "forward to the truth coming out and our son coming home," an attorney for the family said Saturday.

"We feel the public has an incomplete account of the true version of these events," Craig Peters said.

Peters read the short statement in front of the home of Finnegan Elder's parents in San Francisco. In it, he said the family also expressed their condolences to Carabinieri officer Mario Cerciello Rega.

Peters, who spoke next to Elder's parents, didn't take questions after making the statement. "We continue to hold his family in our thoughts and pray for them at this difficult time," Peters said.

Peters also said that Finnegan Elder "was OK. Tired, remorseful and scared. He has our full support, and we stand by his side."

The statement came after Elder's father, Ethan, returned from visiting his jailed son, 19, in Rome.

Italian prosecutors say Finnegan Elder confessed to knif-

ing Carabinieri officer Cerciello Rega during a July 26 scuffle.

According to court documents, Elder said he thought a strange man was strangling him and he didn't know Cerciello Rega was a plainclothes police officer.

Cerciello Rega, 35, had returned from his honeymoon a few days earlier and was scheduled to be off work when he and a partner were assigned to respond to a small-scale extortion attempt involving a failed drug deal and a stolen backpack, Italian authorities have said.

He was stabbed 11 times with a 7-inch-long, military-style attack knife that investigators reported finding in the drop ceiling of the Americans' hotel room, police said.

Elder's friend, Gabriel Natale-Hjorth, 18, also is in custody while the investigation continues. Prosecutors say he punched and kicked the officer's partner, Andrea Varriale, while the stabbing was taking place.



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NATION

Cummings urges Trump to 'come to Baltimore'

By LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings took the high road in inviting President Donald Trump and other Americans to visit Baltimore but declining to respond in kind to the barrage of presidential tweets and comments disparaging him and the majority-black city he has long represented.

"We are a great community," Cummings, the chairman of a powerful House committee investigating the administration, said Saturday in his first public remarks about the controversy as he participated in the opening of a small neighborhood park near his home.

Community leaders and residents gathered to cut the ribbon on a pocket of greenery and flowers, built from what had been a vacant lot often used as a dumping ground for trash.

"Come to Baltimore. Do not just criticize us but come to Baltimore, and I promise you, you will



KIM HARRISTON, THE BALTIMORE SUN/AP

Congressman Elijah Cummings speaks at the grand opening of the McCulloch Street Nature Play Space in West Baltimore on Saturday. Cummings invited President Donald Trump, who has been critical of Cummings and of the city, to visit Baltimore.

be welcomed," he said. Cummings said he doesn't have

time for those who criticize the city where he grew up but wants

to hear from people willing to help make the community better.

He noted the outpouring of support he has received, the thousands of emails and the presence at the event of leaders from the University of Maryland's medical center, foundations and businesses. He wore a hat and polo shirt of Under Armour, the popular apparel maker headquartered in Baltimore.

Asked directly by reporters afterward if there would be a meeting with Trump, the congressman said he'd love to see Trump in the city.

"The president is welcome to our district," he said.

In a weekend series of attacks, Trump called the Baltimore district a "rat and rodent infested mess" and complained about Cummings, whose district includes key parts of the city.

The president widened his attack on other cities he did not name but complained are run by Democrats. His comments were widely seen as a race-centered attack on big cities with minority populations.

For some migrants, courts now moving fast

By AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rosita Lopez said armed gang members demanded money from her and her partner at their small grocery store on the Guatemalan coast and threatened to kill them when they couldn't pay. When her partner was shot soon afterward, they sold everything and fled north.

Lopez was eight months pregnant when the couple arrived at the U.S.-Mexico border last year with their daughter, 1. Just over a year later, an immigration judge in Los Angeles heard her case, denied her asylum and ordered her deported.

"I'm afraid of going back there," she told the judge.

The decision for Lopez, 20 — who now has an American-born baby — was swift in an immigration court system so backlogged with cases that asylum-seekers often wait years for a hearing, let alone a ruling on whether they can stay in the country.

But her case is one of 56,000 in a Trump administration pilot program in 10 cities from Baltimore to Los Angeles aimed at fast-tracking court hearings to discourage migrants from making the journey to seek refuge in the United States. The administration selected family cases in those cities from the past 10 months.

Immigration lawyers who often complain that it takes too long



ANDREA SMITH/AP

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement official gives directions to a person outside the building that houses ICE and the immigration court in Atlanta. A Trump administration pilot program is seeking to fast-track court hearings on asylum requests as a deterrent.

to get a court date said the new timetable is too fast to prepare their clients to testify and get documents from foreign countries to bolster their claims.

"The families that are all ready to go and desperate, ready with accolades, have survived multiple attorneys and can't seem to get before the judge, and others who seem to need time to get their cases together, they're pushing through without due process," said Judy London, directing attorney of the immigrant rights' project at Public Counsel, a pro bono law firm in Los Angeles.

The program is one way the Trump administration is seeking to curtail the arrival of tens of thousands of Central American families each month on the U.S.-Mexico border, many seeking asylum. Federal courts have blocked several efforts to limit asylum for the families, including rules that would prevent most migrants from seeking asylum in the U.S. if they passed through another country first.

Speeding up court hearings aims to prevent migrant families

from setting down roots while they wait to find out whether they qualify for asylum.

Immigrants can get permits to work legally in the United States once their asylum applications are pending before a judge for six months, which many with fast-tracked cases won't get to do, lawyers said.

The goal is to "disincentivize families — where an overwhelming majority of cases don't qualify for relief but instead end with removal orders — from making the treacherous journey to the United States," Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a statement.

Immigration courts aim to complete the fast-tracked cases within a year, James McHenry III, director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, wrote in a November memo.

From September to June, the Department of Homeland Security tracked 56,000 cases it wants heard more quickly, according to data from the office, which runs immigration courts.

US exempts space, aviation safety in Russia sanctions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has decided to exempt aviation safety and space exploration technology from new sanctions it has levied against Russia in connection with the poisoning of a former Russian spy and his daughter in Britain.

The State Department said late Friday that products related to those sectors will not be automatically subjected to an export ban that was announced by President Donald Trump last week. The sanctions do include a presumption of denial for export licenses for items that could be used in the production of chemical and biological weapons.

They also mean the U.S. will oppose loans or other assistance to Russia by international financial institutions like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and bar U.S. banks

from participating in non-ruble Russian debt financing.

The export ban and financing restrictions are part of a package of sanctions imposed on Russia over the March 2018 poisoning of Sergei Skripal, a former Russian military intelligence officer turned double agent for Britain, and his visiting daughter, Yulia. The pair were found unconscious on a park bench in the British town of Salisbury after being exposed to the nerve agent Novichok. They spent weeks in critical condition but recovered.

Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov played down the sanctions, saying the Russian economy has already proved its resistance to "external constraints."

The new U.S. sanctions will take effect in September and will remain in place for at least a year.

Obama library brings elation but also fear of displacement

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago residents living near the Obama Presidential Center's proposed site say the prospect of a gleaming center honoring the president they supported excites them, but they also fear neighborhood revitalization might push them out.

Since Barack Obama announced a lakefront park on the city's South Side as the site of his future \$500 million library, a tangled conflict has unfolded: Could

the legacy library of the nation's first black president propel the displacement of thousands of low-income black families?

With construction looming, residents are fiercely seeking safeguards for the place they also call home.

The clash has led to both a ballot question gauging support and a resident-protections ordinance that could see a City Council vote within weeks.

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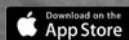
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WORLD

Hong Kong protesters move to shopping district

By YANAN WANG
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Demonstrators in Hong Kong moved en masse to a luxury shopping district Sunday evening after riot police used tear gas to clear out an area they were previously occupying as the 2-month-old protest movement showed no signs of easing.

Clad in yellow helmets and black face masks, protesters squeezed out of a subway station in Causeway Bay, with a few people directing traffic and others holding open the turnstiles.

Surveillance cameras at the station were covered with black tape and umbrellas as protesters spilled out. Makeshift barricades were also erected in the area, which hosts high-end department stores and upscale restaurants.

The protesters made their move after police fired tear gas — a regular occurrence at the demonstrations — in another district on Hong Kong Island.

Earlier in the day, another police station became the target of protesters' ire as rallies in two parts of the city converged into one.

Following a rally in the Tseung Kwan O area, some protesters used what appeared to be a long, homemade slingshot to hurl rocks, bricks and other objects at a po-



VINCENT THIAN/AP

A protester jumps over the gate as others exit the Causeway Bay MTR station on their way to the anti-extradition bill protest destination in Hong Kong on Sunday.

lice station. They shattered multiple glass windows, authorities said. Demonstrators elsewhere also began to barricade and block roads.

Police said earlier Sunday that they had arrested more than 20 people for offenses including unlawful assembly and assault after protest marches Saturday devolved

into now-routine standoffs between protesters and law enforcement.

As has been the pattern during the mass pro-democracy demonstrations in the Chinese territory, Sunday's rallies started off peacefully.

At one park on Hong Kong Island, a flutist and a trumpeter played "Do You Hear the People Sing?" from the musical "Les Misérables," which has become a rallying song for protests.

Protesters believe China's government and the administration of Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam are eroding the civil liberties and political autonomy promised when the former British colony was returned to China in 1997.

"We are not just another Chinese city. We are Hong Kong," said Cara Lee, 53, an insurance agent who was attending her 13th demonstration.

"I feel ashamed because for a long time we didn't do anything," said Lee. "But now we are awake. I have to speak out for the next generation. It's our moral responsibility."

Activists have called for a citywide general strike on Monday.

Hong Kong residents increasingly accuse China's ruling Communist Party of encroaching on civil liberties. Those fears have been fueled by the arrests of booksellers and activists in Hong Kong.



MICHEL SPINGLER/AP

Inventor Franky Zapata, 40, takes to the air in Sangatte, Northern France, at the start of his successful attempt to cross the English Channel from France to England aboard his flyboard Sunday.

French inventor flies over English Channel

Associated Press

SANGATTE, France — Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a French inventor flying over the English Channel in his hoverboard.

Looking like a superhero, Franky Zapata successfully completed the famed 22-mile journey in just 22 minutes Sunday morning, reaching speeds of up to 110 mph on the hoverboard that has made him a household name in France.

Propelled by a power pack full of kerosene, Zapata set off from Sangatte in France's Pas de Calais region and landed in Saint Margaret's Bay in the Dover area of southeast England. He stopped only once, on the British side, to refuel his invention from a boat in the choppy waters.

"I tried to enjoy it and not think about the pain ... I'm very lucky," he told reporters after the feat.

It was, of course, the record for such a trip; no one else has tried to cross the channel in his way.

It was also a personal record — the furthest distance that the 40-year-old, who drew nationwide attention after whizzing above European leaders in Paris at Bastille Day celebrations, had ever traveled atop his hoverboard.

Sunday was the inventor's second attempt to cross the Channel.

His first — 10 days earlier — culminated in him colliding with a refueling boat several minutes into his flight. That destroyed his transportation, a version of the flyboard that his company sells commercially.

US prosecutors accuse Honduran government of drug conspiracy

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — U.S. federal prosecutors have accused the Honduran government of essentially functioning as a narco-state, with the current and former presidents having received campaign contributions from cocaine traffickers in exchange for protection.

A 49-page document filed in New York's southern district Friday refers to Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez as a co-conspirator who worked with his brother, Juan Antonio "Tony" Hernandez, and former President Porfirio Lobo "to use drug trafficking to help assert power and control in Honduras."

It says that the president and his predecessor "relied on drug proceeds" to fund political campaigns and cites "evidence of high-level political corruption."

The filing comes just months after other U.S. federal court documents showed the current president and some of his closest advisers were among the targets of a Drug Enforcement Administration investigation, casting further doubt on the United States' assertion that Honduras has helped stop the flow of drugs.

The office of the Honduran president said via Twitter on Saturday that Hernandez "categorically denies the false and perverse accusations."

New York prosecutors allege

that the president used \$1.5 million in drug trafficking proceeds to help secure power in 2013. That campaign support came via cash bribes to Honduran officials as well as gifts and favors to local politicians, prosecutors argue. Hernandez won reelection in 2017, despite term limits in Honduras and widespread allegations of election fraud.

The filing also alludes to multiple payments of \$1 million or more from drug dealers to Lobo.

The filing forms part of pretrial documents in an upcoming case against Tony Hernandez, who was arrested in 2018 in Miami on charges of smuggling thousands of kilograms of cocaine into the U.S.

Sudanese protesters sign deal with military

Associated Press

CAIRO — Sudan's pro-democracy movement signed a power-sharing agreement with the ruling military council Sunday aimed at paving the way for a transition to civilian rule following the overthrow of President Omar al-Bashir in April.

Representatives signed a constitutional document that would establish a joint military and civilian council to rule for a little over three years until elections can be held. The agreement would also establish a Cabinet appointed by the activists, as well as a legislative body.

The military overthrew al-

Bashir in April following months of protests against his three-decade-long rule. The protesters remained in the streets, demanding a rapid transition to a civilian authority. They have been locked in tense negotiations with the military for weeks while holding mass protests.

The two sides reached a preliminary agreement last month following international pressure amid growing concerns the political crisis could ignite civil war.

That document provided for the establishment of a joint civilian-military sovereign council. A military leader would head the 11-member council for the first

21 months, followed by a civilian leader for the next 18. There would also be a Cabinet of technocrats chosen by the protesters, as well as a legislative council, the makeup of which would be decided within three months.

The constitutional document signed Sunday is aimed at clarifying the division of powers and settling other outstanding disputes.

A key point of dispute in the talks had been whether military leaders would be immune from prosecution over the recent violence. It was not immediately clear what protections, if any, would be provided in the agreement signed Sunday.

EUROPE



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German and American families explore U.S. Army and Bundeswehr tanks at the German American Volksfest at Grafenwoehr, Germany, on Friday.

Americans, Germans celebrate Volksfest in Bavaria

BY MARTIN EGNASH
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — More than 100,000 mostly German civilians were expected to enter U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria to drink German beer, go on rides and eat American food at the annual German American Volksfest this weekend.

The U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria Volksfest is the largest of its kind and blends Bavarian brass music and classic German festival foods like bratwurst and gingerbread with American fa-

vorites like hot dogs and deep-fried cookies.

The event is the Army's way of saying thank you to citizens in the surrounding area, an Army spokesman told Stars and Stripes last week.

The fest kicked off Friday with a lederhosen and dirndl contest, with Germans and Americans showing off their best traditional German clothes.

Other events this weekend included karaoke and country music performances.

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Above: Festivalgoers dance to country music at the festival on Friday. Below: U.S. soldiers work one of the grills at Volksfest, which kicked off with a lederhosen and dirndl clothing contest.



Schweinshaxe, or roasted ham hock, left, and deep-fried Oreo cookies, right, are prepared for the annual event.



WORLD

Over 800 detained in major Moscow crackdown at rally

By JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Police in Moscow cracked down hard on an unsanctioned election protest for the second weekend in a row Saturday, detaining more than 800 people at a rally against the exclusion from city council contests of some independent and opposition candidates, an arrest monitoring group said.

Election officials rejected signatures several candidates needed to qualify for next month's local ballot. The decision tapped dissatisfaction with a political environment dominated by the Kremlin-aligned United Russia party, in which dissenting voices are marginalized, ignored or repressed.

The OVD-Info organization, which tracks arrests in Russia,

said 828 people were detained Saturday.

The Russian Interior Ministry said the number was about 600 in a crowd of about 1,500 protesters, although police were widely believed to understate crowd estimates for opposition events.

The detentions came a week after authorities arrested nearly 1,400 people at a similar protest. Lyubov Sobol, one of the excluded candidates and a driving figure of the current wave of protests, was among those detained. She was grabbed by police in central Moscow and hustled into a police van, loudly demanding to know why she was being held.

Demonstrators were aiming to hold a march along the Boulevard Ring, which skirts central Moscow and is a popular locale for people to walk around, de-



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANCHENKO/AP

Police officers detain a protester during an unsanctioned rally in the center of Moscow on Saturday.

spite repeated warnings that police would take active measures against a protest.

Helmeted riot police lined the route and started seizing demonstrators from a scattered cluster on Pushkin Square and pushing them back from another square farther along the route.

Some of the detentions were harsh, including one young bicyclist who was beaten with truncheons as he lay on the pavement still straddling his bike.

Some other detainees appeared nonchalant, smirking or checking

their phones as police led them to buses. The demonstrations dissipated after about four hours as a steady, cold rain began falling.

Once a local, low-key affair, the September vote for Moscow's city council is now emblematic of the division within Russian politics and the Kremlin's ongoing struggles with how to deal with strongly opposing views in its sprawling capital of 12.6 million people.

In the past month, the issue has provoked a surprisingly large outcry for a local election. On July 20, about 20,000 people turned

out for a demonstration that was the largest in the city in several years.

On Saturday, about 2,000 people attended another rally in St. Petersburg supporting the Moscow protests, the local news site Fontanka.ru reported.

The Moscow city council, which has 45 seats, is responsible for a large municipal budget and is now controlled by the United Russia party.

All of its seats, which have a five-year term, are up for grabs in the Sept. 8 vote.

Gang members behead rivals at Rio prison as guards look on

By TERENCE MCCOY
AND MARINA LOPES
The Washington Post

RIO DE JANEIRO — As the prison burned and inmates screamed, the guards stood in their tower, clutching their guns, watching the hellish scene unfold.

"Check it out. They're going to kill the prisoner," one observed.

"Oh, man, they got him."

"Yeah, he went down."

"Dude, this is going to be very ugly."

A deadly fight had erupted between gangs at the Altimira prison, a low-slung

concrete compound surrounded by jungle in Brazil's northeastern state of Para. But rather than restore order, the guards — outnumbered by inmates 10 to one — watched it as if it were a soccer match, recording it on cellphones and offering commentary, video provided by a lawyer for several inmates shows.

By the end of the day July 29, 58 men would be dead, 16 of them beheaded, in the deadliest single prison riot here in decades. And Latin America's largest country would again be confronted by the grisly reality of its prison system — that where the state should wield the most control, it

often seems to have the least.

In the past two years, hundreds of people have been killed in prison riots that in many cases raged unchecked until dozens were dead. In May, 55 inmates at prisons in Amazonas state were strangled or stabbed to death on a single day — some in front of their visiting families — when a power struggle between warring gangs exploded into horrifying violence.

Also, in January 2017, more than 140 people were killed in riots at prisons across the country.

The problem is simple enough to diagnose: too many prisoners and not enough

room. The prison population has nearly doubled in the past decade, from 450,000 to more than 800,000. But the number of prisons, cells and guards hasn't kept pace. Some prisons are so packed that inmates have to sleep standing, and guards are so outnumbered that they've relinquished control.

The crisis has revealed a mounting official callousness toward prisoners and suspects. Violent crime peaked in Brazil in 2017, with a record of 63,880 homicides. Now, a new wave of politicians has won power by promising, in increasingly extreme language, to crack down on crime.

France may give lesbians, single women access to medically assisted reproduction

By SYLVIE CORBET
Associated Press

PARIS — Single women and lesbians in France won't have to go abroad to have babies anymore under a proposed new law that would give them access to medically assisted reproduction for the first time.

French President Emmanuel Macron's government has presented a draft law on bioethics that includes expanding the eligibility for treatments such as artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization, or IVF. French law currently restricts assisted reproduction to infertile heterosexual couples.

The assisted reproduction bill is sure to prompt strong debate

next month in Parliament, where Macron's centrist party has a majority. It comes five years after mass protests against same-sex marriage in France, which was legalized, and as Macron's popularity has slipped due to yellow vest protests over his economic plans.

With the proposed bill, the French national health care system would cover the cost of assisted reproduction for all women under an age limit yet to be set, for four rounds of treatments for each pregnancy. The bill also allows sperm donor anonymity to be lifted on demand by donors' children when they reach age 18, instead of the strict donor anonymity that now exists in France. The proposed law will not lift the

French ban on surrogacy.

The law would keep the babies and mothers from running afoul of the French legal system and give them access to the country's generous health care system.

The changes were a key demand of French LGBT rights groups after France legalized same-sex marriage in 2013.

"This simply is a measure of equality for French female citizens, whatever their sexual orientation is," the Association of Gay and Lesbian Parents and Future Parents said in a statement.

While the French government says it is responding to changes in society, many conservative, religious or far-right activists strongly oppose the bioethics bill.



MICHEL EULER/AP

Demonstrators protest gay marriage in Paris in October 2016. Conservative groups are opposing a draft law that would allow single women and lesbians access to medically assisted reproduction.

Twenty conservative groups are already calling for a protest in October to denounce the measure that they say will create children without fathers. They also fear it will ultimately lead to the legal-

ization of surrogate pregnancies.

The Demonstration for Everyone group, among the critics of the bill, said that "it's unfair to allow making children who are voluntarily deprived of a father."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man: Dog saved him by warning of house fire

MS NEW ALBANY — A Mississippi man said the family dog saved him and his son from a house fire.

Marvin Foster, of New Albany, told the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal that he was getting out of the shower when Dudley the dog bumped the bathroom door and alerted him about a fire in the kitchen.

Foster got dressed and yelled to his son, Terrance.

The two men escaped, but a wall fell and jammed the bathroom door, trapping Dudley inside. New Albany firefighters rescued the dog and gave him water and oxygen.

Dudley is recovering at a veterinarian's office.

Flag stolen decades ago returned to island

GA JEKYLL ISLAND — A handmade flag that pranksters stole from Jekyll Island more than 40 years ago has been returned to the state park.

The Brunswick News reported the flag featuring a crest of a sea-shell and a cotton ball was handed over to its executive editor and president, Buff Leavy, recently along with a handwritten note explaining that it had been swiped by Georgia Tech fraternity pledges in 1975. Leavy returned it to the Jekyll Island Authority.

Rose Marie Kimbell, archivist of the island's Mosaic museum, said the flag will be placed on display at the museum.

Longhorn on the loose corralled by cowboy

CO COLORADO SPRINGS — An enterprising cowboy lassooed a longhorn inside the lobby of a Colorado Springs building after the cow broke free from a downtown parade and charged its way inside.

Pedestrians scurried out of harm's way during the brief escape as the longhorn romped across a street and through an open door at the Plaza of the Rockies. Fast-thinking spectators quickly shut the door to contain the animal, which emerged moments later, roped by a cowboy after a chase.

The parade was held to mark a weekend rodeo in Colorado Springs.

Man found guilty punches prosecutor

OR PORTLAND — Authorities said a man who'd just been found guilty of stealing a U-Haul truck punched the prosecutor in the face in front of a stunned jury in a Portland courtroom.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Ryan Wayne Perkins, 38, suddenly got up and punched Deputy District Attorney Kevin Demer a few times in what appeared to be the face or upper body, according to the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and witnesses.



EMIL LIPPE, KALAMAZOO (MICH.) GAZETTE/AP

History lesson at Air Zoo

Arthur J. Lendo tells the story of his uncle, Lt. John Lendo, and the U.S. Navy Douglas "Dauntless" Dive Bomber SBD-2P at the Air Zoo's Flight Discovery Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Thursday. The plane, which made an emergency landing on Lake Michigan in 1944, was pulled from the lake in 2009 and is being restored.

Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Brandon White said Perkins was handcuffed and taken back to jail.

Barrel-maker fined \$413K for amputations

MO LEBANON — A barrel-making company in southwest Missouri where five amputations were reported in a 14-month period is facing thousands of dollars in fines.

Federal regulations announced proposed fines of more than \$413,000 against Missouri Coopersage Co., a subsidiary of the Independent State Co. in Lebanon.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration said the company exposed employees to amputation, noise and other safety and health hazards.

The company was cited for the same violation in February 2018.

Man arrested in toilet paper bandit case

AL TRUSSVILLE — Alabama authorities said they've wiped out a spate of toilet paper thefts by arresting a man accused of stealing dozens of rolls of bath tissue from a local market.

Trussville Police Detective Ben Short told news outlets Ira Glover, 50, led officers on a short chase before they arrested him. Police said Glover was caught

THE CENSUS

4 The number of arson fires a man is accused of setting in a northern New Jersey town over a three-hour period. Authorities said Marcus Wise, 30, is accused of setting fires at a business, a vacant home, a dumpster and some vegetation around Linden, N.J., on July 25. He is charged with arson, burglary and criminal mischief counts. Wise was captured after someone reported rocks being thrown through the window of a business. Police said Wise had a lighter, a can of WD-40 and cardboard.

on security video swiping dozens of rolls of toilet paper from a pallet before attempting another theft a week later. Investigators think he's been trying to refill his janitorial business' supply.

Police: Dad put beer in toddler's baby bottle

PA BELLEFONTE — A Pennsylvania couple faces child abuse charges over reports that the father put a mix of beer and formula in his child's bottle.

Online court documents show Garrett Gunsallus, 23, was arrested on two felony child abuse charges, and a misdemeanor assault charge.

His former wife, Ashley Gunsallus, 30, also faces one felony count of endangering the welfare of a child.

According to a criminal complaint, a witness told police Garrett Gunsallus filled a baby bottle with beer, put formula on top and gave it to his toddler. The witness

said the child drank the entire bottle and Gunsallus "thought it was funny and laughed."

Joyride on floor cleaner causes school damage

MI TROY — Authorities said three people who broke into a suburban Detroit high school caused more than \$1,200 in damage while riding a floor cleaning machine through the hallways.

Surveillance video shows the suspects riding in hallways, sometimes two at a time on the machine, crashing into things along the way.

WXYZ-TV reported police said they damaged about \$1,200 in musical instruments as well as furniture.

Kids throw bananas at severely allergic teacher

OH COLUMBUS — An Ohio school district said students endangered a teach-

er by intentionally exposing her to bananas despite knowing she is severely allergic to the fruit.

WSYX-TV reported the teacher at the Starling K-8 school in Columbus went into anaphylactic shock and ended up at the hospital after three seventh-graders smeared bananas on her door and threw the fruit at her in class last November. A sign on the door had warned students that the room was supposed to be a "banana-free zone."

The station reported the students were charged with assault in juvenile court and have since served probation.

Utility's tree trimmings becoming food for zoo

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A New Mexico utility's trimmings are becoming food for plant-eating animals at Albuquerque's zoo.

Public Service Co. of New Mexico said it is collaborating with Abq BioPark to have branches trimmed from trees routinely delivered to the zoo for donation as food for grazing animals such as giraffes and elephants.

Utilities such as Albuquerque-based PNM routinely trim trees around power lines to maintain proper clearances under circumstances such as strong winds and sagging of wires because of heat.

From wire reports

FACES

Perry, others ordered to pay \$2.78M over song

Associated Press

Katy Perry, her collaborators and her record label must pay more than \$2.78 million because the pop star's 2013 hit "Dark Horse" copied a 2009 Christian rap song, a federal jury decided Aug. 1.

It was an underdog victory for rapper Marcus Gray, a relatively obscure artist once known as Flame, whose 5-year-old lawsuit survived constant court challenges and a trial against top-flight attorneys for Perry and the five other music-industry heavyweights who wrote her song.

The amount fell well short of the nearly \$20 million sought by attorneys for Gray and the two co-writers of "Joyful Noise" — Emanuel Lambert and Chike Ojukwu.

Perry herself was hit for just over \$550,000, with Capitol Records responsible for the biggest part of the award — \$1.2 million. Defense attorneys had argued for an overall award of about \$360,000.

Perry's attorney, Christine Lepera, said they plan to vigorously fight the decision.



DAAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

Rapper Marcus Gray and two co-writers were awarded more than \$2.78 million by a jury because Katy Perry's 2013 hit "Dark Horse" copied one of their compositions.

Other news

■ **Ed Sheeran's** Divide Tour is one for the record books. Pollstar confirmed Aug. 2 that the British singer's tour would set the highest-grossing tour record with that night's show in Hannover, Germany. Pollstar forecast the total gross of \$736.7 million would top the previous record of \$735.4 million set by U2 in 2011. In a statement, Sheeran, 28, called it "amazing." The Divide Tour launched on Mar. 16, 2017, and is due to end on Aug. 26. That's 893 days compared to the 760 days U2 spent on the road. Sheeran's tour topped U2's attendance record of 7.3 million on May 24 in France with a total attendance of 7,315,970.

■ **James Marsden and Amber Heard** will star in "The Stand," a limited series based on the Stephen King novel. CBS All Access said Aug. 2 that King will write the final chapter of the drama, a coda not in his book about a plague-devastated world.

By GREG BRAXTON
Los Angeles Times

Brace yourselves, folks. Kevin Bacon, the star of "Footloose," just turned 61.

Of course, anyone familiar with Bacon knows that his résumé extends far beyond that 1984 dance classic. In the past few decades, Bacon has evolved into one of Hollywood's most prolific and respected actors, appearing in big-budget features such as "Apollo 13" and "A Few Good Men," beloved comedies such as "Diner" and "Crazy Stupid Love," and smaller independent projects.

In addition to moving into producing and directing, he also has starred in TV shows such as "The Following" and "I Love Dick." And, of course, Bacon became a pop culture touchstone with the parlor game Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon, in which movie buffs tried to find the shortest link between him and any other actor.

At an age when most performers might consider slowing down, Bacon is putting the pedal to the metal. He's starring in a new Showtime drama, "City on a Hill," and is about to embark on a summer tour with his band the Bacon Brothers, which also is fronted by his brother Michael. He has other projects on the horizon, although the long-awaited reboot of his 1990 giant-underdog-creature feature "Teenage" has yet to surface.

"There's no part of me that is pumping the brakes," Bacon says while taking a sip of water in a conference room inside an El Segundo, Calif., high-rise. Except for a few lines around his face and neck, the lean actor, married to Kyra Sedgwick ("The Closer"), looks as youthful and cheerful as he did in "Footloose."

"You could analyze it and say, 'Are you afraid to slow down?' Maybe there's a part of me that is afraid," says Bacon. "But there's a lot more I want to do. I also feel that if the opportunities are there, I need to take them. I'm just not ready to go sailing or fish or play golf or croquet. I'm really happy with staying busy."

In "City on a Hill," set in Boston during the early 1990s, Bacon plays Jackie Rohr, a cocky and pushy FBI investigator who teams with ambitious assistant district attorney DeCourcy Ward (Aldis Hodge) to take down a gang of armored truck robbers. Even in Bacon's extensive gallery of Really Bad Guys, Rohr, with his stylish overcoat, cigar and brash Boston accent, is a standout. Although he's technically on the right side of the law, he's corrupt, snorts coke, cheats on his wife and is not shy about spewing racial epithets.

Bacon, in a wide-ranging interview, discusses the new role, his music, his desire to keep busy and the continuing impact of that little dance movie.

How would you define your career at this point?

First of all, I'm incredibly grateful to have a career. When I think of some of the acting careers that I've seen come and go since I've been an actor, it's a tough world to hang on to. A lot of things can go wrong. I like to say there's been a lot of roadkill. I've realized that I was never a leading man. I'm a character actor, and that in itself is a very difficult thing to shoot for. If someone is thinking of me for a part, it will be all over the map. That's all I really want.

There was this little theater around the corner from us in Philly that would have second-run movies for a dollar.

I was about 14 when they had "Midnight Cowboy" and "The Graduate." I saw "Midnight Cowboy" first — it had been reduced from an X to an R, so I snuck in. I said, "Wow, they found a real homeless guy and put him in this movie." Then I saw "The Graduate," and I said, "Holy crap, that preppy guy is the same guy as the homeless guy." That's what I want to do.

You bounce a lot between playing heroes and bad guys.

There are people who get worried that their image as a person outside their work will be judged if they do bad stuff as a character. That's never really scared me. If you lined up all the horrible stuff I've done to other human beings and women and children in terms of my characters, it's the worst thing you can possibly imagine. But I found them to be interesting shoes to step into. And if a character is well rounded and doing something heroic, I love that. I'll live my own life outside of the industry and wake up in the morning and hope I can look at myself and be proud of what I did in terms of the people I love and the world. The work is a separate kind of compartment.

In "City on a Hill," we're seeing a Kevin Bacon we've never seen before. Almost every horrible thing that can be done, Jackie does in the first episode. Is the shocking nature of the character what attracted you to the project?

No. It was the totality of the man I found somehow compelling and interesting. You're right, I've never played anyone like that. I've done different versions of that character, but never in the way that Jackie operates. Also there was a musicality to the writing that I immediately heard. When I read the first speech, I saw him, I heard him. I knew what it would be like the hair and wardrobe and voice and accent. It was all right there. That's a testament to good writing. [Executive producer and creator] Chuck MacLean has a great ear for this guy.

But you also tap into his humanity. He's not a cartoon.

I believe that's always my job. When you turn on the news and someone says, "This person has done something horrible, he's a monster," I say, "Well, wouldn't it be fortunate for us if he were a monster? Unfortunately, folks, he's one of us. He's down the block." That to me is more frightening to me than the casual racism this character exhibits.

And that accent.

I try to think of accents as the voice of the character. Boston is a tough one. People from Boston don't like people doing Boston accents. They don't even like people from Boston doing Boston accents.

Is there an aspect of his character that shocked even you?

Yeah, there are some things that hit later in the season. Even knowing how far Jackie will go and what kinds of things he will say, there are moments that are shocking.

"Footloose" was on over the weekend. Are there certain films you're tired of having people ask about?

"Footloose" is probably the top film that I'm asked about with. And sometimes, shockingly, it's other stuff. Do I get tired? Sometimes. Someone will say, "I loved you in 'Footloose,'" and I'll want to say, "Have you been to the movies in the last 40 years? There have been a couple more." But listen, you can't look a gift horse in the mouth. That was a good film for me. I'm certainly happy to have done it.



Kevin Bacon cuts loose

Prolific actor playing a shockingly corrupt FBI man in Showtime series 'City on a Hill'

Kevin Bacon stars as FBI investigator Jackie Rohr in "City on a Hill," a Showtime drama shot in Boston.

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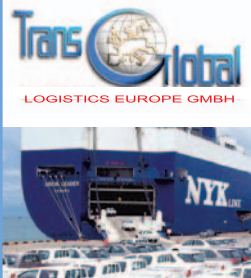
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OPINION

The cost of Army wardrobe malfunctions

By KEVIN PETERSEN

Special to The Washington Post

Soldiers leave the U.S. Army for a variety of reasons, but they all experience the same nightmare before getting out: turning in their equipment. The process typically takes a day of searching for inventory, scrubbing clean every last knee pad, grenade pouch and canteen issued since basic training. If you're missing a piece of gear, tough luck — you pay for it. No exceptions.

It doesn't help that the service has issued three different patterns of the same exact item since 2005.

For a little more than a decade, the Army has been suffering an identity crisis of sorts, to the detriment of its troops. It was bad enough that the Army flip-flopped on the style of the belt for the new "Army Green" dress uniform, the third dress uniform in the past five years. But the service has also been indecisive on the design and distribution of equipment that is actually vital to combat operations. During an era of major wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the ambivalence has come at great economic cost and it has endangered lives.

Before today's colonels and first sergeants invaded Iraq back in 2003, their old-school woodland camouflage uniforms were wisely switched out for the previously tested and largely effective desert camouflage. But by 2005, that uniform was replaced by the absurdly named and laughably ineffective "universal camouflage pattern" uniform, even though the pixilated "universal" pattern was outperformed by many others during testing.

The one-camouflage-fits-any-war zone approach was supposed to save the Army money. Unfortunately, the pattern may have made soldiers more visible because of an optical effect called insoulinance,

which happens when the human eye sees multiple patterns as a single whole — precisely what camouflage is supposed to avoid.

To save face — and lives — the universal pattern was replaced in the early 2010s with the far more effective "MultiCam" pattern. To no one's surprise, it turned out that the Army's actually passed over the MultiCam during the 2004 evaluations. Yet, within just a few years of its belated adoption, the MultiCam uniform was also replaced, only this time by a virtually indistinguishable variant called Scorpion W2, despite its poorer performance when compared with the original MultiCam.

When new camouflage patterns are adopted, at a cost of several billion dollars, that means also issuing new rucksacks and body armor to replace the now-obsolete patterns of the old gear.

Even in my own short three years as an Army infantryman — July 2015 to September 2018 — I've seen more than twice the time in the Army when compared with its recent history — I was issued uniforms in three different camouflage figures, three different sets of body armor, two largely similar helmets, five different rucksacks and two sets of webbing, among the matching variety of the many other items, such as gloves and kneepad pads, that were required for combat operations. On my deployment to Afghanistan, of course, I brought only one of each item — the rest sat in a storage container back home.

When it came time to turn the gear back in, I had to account for all \$12,456.09 worth of equipment I had turned in. I don't know if I was only ever using a fraction of it. Thankfully, periodic inventory-taking meant I was missing only a few pieces, which I was able to replace at surplus stores for about \$100, avoiding the higher tab the Army would have charged.

As a result of its disorganization, the Army has tremendous stockpiles of outdated equipment collecting dust even as soldiers are spending money from their own money pockets to buy magazine pouches that actually shut securely and boots that conform to regulations but are bumpy and more comfortable than standard issue.

What makes this waste particularly harmful is its accompanying opportunity cost. The money spent on researching, producing and distributing new uniforms every few years would have been immensely more effective if instead it had been used to provide the best possible equipment to the soldiers who need it the most, such as infantrymen and engineers who are directly involved in combat operations.

Army brass is still deciding on minute details of the Army Green dress uniform, but an admiring President Donald Trump has already declared his satisfaction with the "very expensive" new look. It's hard to think about the billions spent over the past two decades on all the Pentagon's wardrobe changes when apparently a \$15,000 mine detector that might have saved a soldier's life is too pricey.

Army National Guard Spc. James Slape, working in an ordnance-disposal unit, was killed by a roadside bomb as he searched for explosives in Afghanistan in October 2018. According to The New York Times, his unit's repeated requests for better equipment, such as the advanced mine detector, were turned down for lack of funding. While U.S. soldiers continue to go to war under-equipped, at least they'll look sharp marching around in their sharp Army Greens the next time a president orders up a military parade.

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Political cartooning is becoming a lost art

By MITCH DANIELS

Special to The Washington Post

The digital age, for all its beneficial wonders, has left some regrettable casualties in its wake. No loss has been more troublesome for many of us than the decline of print journalism as our principal medium of information. For all their flaws and variability, newspapers bring a depth of information, a degree of editorial quality control and a capacity for self-correction that is difficult to find in what now passes for "news" journalism.

With that development, we're losing something I have always appreciated almost as much. The political cartoonist, an influential voice in public debates for centuries, is among our most endangered species. According to "Drawn & Quartered," a history of American political cartoons by Stephen Hess and Sandy Northrop, 2,000 editorial cartoonists were employed a century ago; estimates of the number of staff cartoonists working today range from about a dozen to maybe 40.

The famous 1,000-to-1 words-to-picture ratio may be understated when it comes to the political cartoon. A case can be made that public opinion has, over time, been more often shaped by these artists than by the words of their polemicist colleagues on the nation's editorial pages. A salient political point made with humor can pack more punch than the same idea draped in invective. Many citizens who would not take time for a lengthy essay have learned of an issue or taken a cue from a well-drawn sketch and a clever caption.

I confess that, during my younger days spent in Washington, I read an occasional

op-ed — but I never skipped a Herblock cartoon in The Washington Post. If and when the political cartoonist's genre goes extinct, we'll have lost more than an occasional chuckle.

The cartoonist I'll miss most laid down his pen for the Indianapolis Star earlier this year. For a quarter-century, including the eight years I spent in elective office, Gary Varvel delighted and illuminated the fortunate readers of the Indianapolis Star with his craftsmanship and his insight in equal measure. To someone who can't draw a circle with a compass, Varvel's seemingly effortless ability to capture the essence of his subjects was inexplicable. To someone who was working daily in public life, his grasp of events and clarity of thinking brought, not infrequently, second thoughts or even a change of viewpoint. He would continue to draw cartoons for Creators Syndicate.

Even before newspapers began to homogenize their writer, the essence of his art was, and especially valuable figure in Indiana life. He carried on the tradition of cartoonists who, at their best, have served a particularly American service by satirizing the pretensions of the political class.

Our greatest cartoonists have reminded us of the follies, frauds and failures of those perfect people to whom we entrust power over us. They have helped to maintain the healthy skepticism that protects liberty against its enemies, whether would-be dictators or those who simply consider themselves our benevolent betters.

During the current president's recent trip to Britain, the interest group Led by Donkey lampooned him with a sarcastic images projected onto buildings and bill-

boards. The group's leader explained, "By laughing at them, you can reduce their power." It's a vital role. A Varvel cartoon almost always poked its fun at those who would infringe upon rather than protect our freedoms.

That word "nasty" derives from the work of Thomas Nast, who is considered the father of American political cartooning, the myth did ring true. In recent years, public discourse has coarsened unmistakably and dreadfully, but much political cartooning was already there. For all his great wit and artistic skill, Varvel was always playful, but never cruel. A Varvel caricature stopped short of ridicule; its caption aimed to make the reader laugh, not smirk. And many times — see his post-9/11 drawing of a weeping Uncle Sam holding a fallen fire-fighter in his arms, or his "Bush Reunion" piece after former President George H.W. Bush named his wife, Barbara, in death, portraying the couple embracing on a cloud — he made us shed a tear.

The best cartoonists can be appreciated for the smiles, the artistry or the principled philosophy that usually underlie their oeuvre. One needn't agree with their opinions to appreciate the skill of those who see public debates and participants through more imaginative eyes than our own. That is especially so when their work is drawn in a spirit of genuine humor and good will. Like the tough copy editors and corrections columns of yesteryear, they'll be hard to replace.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

July jobs report shows gains amid trade issues

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers slowed their hiring in July but still added a solid 164,000 jobs to an economy that appears poised to extend its decadelong expansion.

The unemployment rate remained at 3.7% for a second straight month, the government said Friday. Average hourly earnings rose 3.2% from a year ago, up from a 3% year-over-year gain in June.

Though the pace of hiring has slowed this year, one reason is that a growing share of Americans already have jobs. Unemployment is near a half-century low. The overall U.S. economy remains on firm footing, and last month the expansion became the longest on record.

"This report is a sign of relief," said Daniel Zhao, a senior economist for the jobs site Glassdoor. "It had good solid numbers and was largely in line with expectations."

Still, the economy has faced some tumult as President Donald Trump has escalated his trade conflict with China. On Thursday, Trump announced plans to impose tariffs on an additional \$300 billion of Chinese imports beginning in September. That move could slow U.S. economic growth if the tariffs remain in effect indefinitely, especially if Beijing retaliates as expected.

U.S. consumers will likely feel the pain. Trump's earlier tariffs had been designed to minimize the impact on ordinary Americans by focusing on industrial goods. But the new tariffs will hit a vast range of consumer products.

The Federal Reserve has acted to try to sustain the expansion in



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Job applicant Esta Williams uses Tracy Simeton's back to fill out a questionnaire as they wait in line during a June 4 job fair in Hollywood, Fla. Friday's job report showed employers added 164,000 jobs in July.

part because some of the benefits are only now reaching America's lower-income communities. The Fed on Wednesday cut its benchmark interest rate for the first time in a decade to try to counter the impact of Trump's trade wars, stubbornly

low inflation and global weakness. As Trump's trade conflicts escalate, the economy and the job market could weaken. Recession fears could increase. But for now, hiring appears solid.

"We're really at a sweet spot

despite all the negatives swirling around us," said Robert Frick, corporate economist at Navy Federal Credit Union. Frick said the slowdown in monthly job gains was organic given the size of past gains and the length of expansion.

In Friday's employment report for July, the government revised down its estimate of job growth for May and June by a combined 41,000. Over the past six months, the economy has added jobs at a monthly average of roughly 141,000. That is down from a monthly average of 236,000 during the same period last year.

One clear positive is that wage gains have been strongest for poorer workers.

Fed Chairman Jerome Powell told reporters Wednesday that one reason to cut rates was to sustain the longest expansion in U.S. history because people living in

distressed communities finally "are now getting opportunities to add new and better chapters to their lives."

Lower-wage industries reported that average hourly earnings in those sectors jumped 4.6% from a year ago, considerably above the 2.3% pay gain for higher-wage industries, according to an analysis of the jobs report by Martha Gimble, research director at the jobs site Indeed.

In July, several industry sectors posted solid gains. Health care added a robust 30,400 jobs. Restaurants and bars added 15,400 jobs. Local governments contributed 14,000 jobs, primarily in education. The finance and insurance industry added 13,900.

The manufacturing sector, though, has been struggling with declines in output. Manufacturers posted healthy gains of 16,000 jobs in July, though most of the growth was in the transportation sector that could soon be hit by auto plant layoffs.

Other areas showed some signs of weakness. Construction companies added just 4,000 workers. The transportation and warehousing sector added just 300 jobs. Retailers shed 3,600.

Though it is growing consistently, the economy does appear to be sliding into a slower phase. The gross domestic product — the total output of goods and services produced in the United States — grew at a decent if unspectacular 2.1% annual rate in the April-June quarter, down from a 3.1% pace in the January-March period.

Consumer spending increased at a 4.3% annual rate and helped propel much of the growth. But business capital investment declined for the first time in three years, a likely sign that Trump's

aggressive use of tariffs against China and other countries has slowed corporations' expansion plans.

Factories have also been coping with a slowdown. In part, that's because the global economy has weakened and the president's tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of goods — and threats to add more — have disrupted supply chains. The Fed said this month that manufacturing output has improved just 0.4% from a year ago after having declined over the past six months.

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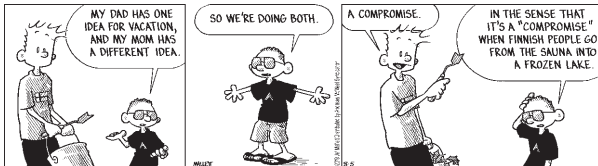


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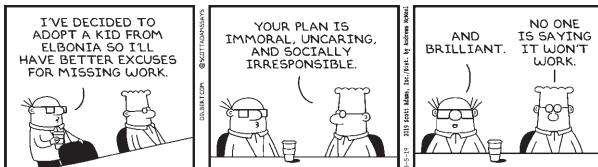


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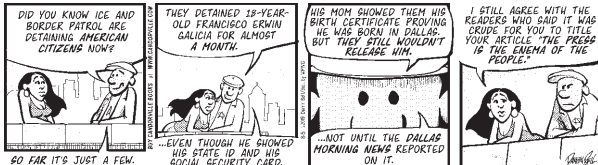
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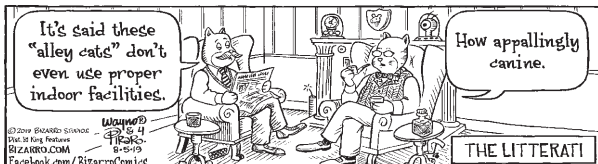
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Briefly

Cubs' Contreras goes back on IL

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Cubs All-Star catcher Willson Contreras has gone on the 10-day injured list with a strained right hamstring.

Contreras was hurt Saturday against Milwaukee while running to first on a fly ball. He limped off the field and sobbed in the dugout.

He is scheduled for an MRI on Monday.

"Once we know tomorrow exactly the extent of this — good or bad — we'll try to make our determination after that," Chicago manager Joe Maddon said Sunday.

The 27-year-old Contreras is batting .275 with 19 homers and 57 RBIs in 87 games this season. Chicago received catcher Taylor Davis from Triple-A Iowa.

In other MLB news:
■ After making two appearances for the Minnesota Twins following his trade from San Francisco, reliever Sam Dyson has gone on the injured list with right biceps tendinitis.

Dyson allowed six runs and six hits in his two appearances with Minnesota, wasting a three-run, ninth-inning lead on Sunday in Miami on Thursday.

Former Raiders WR Branch dies at 71

NAPA, Calif. — Cliff Branch, one of the Raiders' cancer-leading wide receivers who won three Super Bowls in 14 seasons with the franchise, has died. He was 71.

Branch was found dead Saturday in a hotel room in Bullhead City, Ariz., the city's police department said. It said an initial investigation revealed no foul play and that Branch died of natural causes.

"Cliff Branch touched the lives of generations of Raiders fans," the Raiders said in a statement on their website. "His loss leaves an eternal void for the Raiders Family, but his kindness and loving nature will be fondly remembered forever."

One of the game's top deep threats from 1972 to 1985 in Oakland and Los Angeles, Branch was an All-Pro three straight seasons (1974-76) and made four Pro Bowls. He scored 67 touchdowns during the air, leading the NFL in TD receptions in 1974 with 13 and in 1976 with 12. Branch also had a league-high 1,092 yards receiving in 1974.

Shibuno takes Women's British Open lead

MILTON KEYNES, England — Hinako Shibuno's dream debut continued Saturday in the Women's British Open when she shot

a 5-under 67 to take a two-stroke lead into the final round.

The 20-year-old Shibuno, a rookie on the Japan LPGA Tour who is making her LPGA Tour and major championship debut, birdied six of the final holes in the round to get to 14-under 202.

Overnight leader Ashleigh Buhai stumbled with three bogeys in five holes. The 30-year-old South African, who has never won on the LPGA Tour, had a 72 to drop to second at 12 under.

Second-ranked Sung Hyun Park was another shot back after a bogey-free 68.

Top-ranked Jin Young Ko and Americans Morgan Pressel and Lizette Salas were tied for fourth on 10 under.

In other golf news:

■ Byeong Hun An shot a 4-under 66 on Saturday for a one-stroke lead after three rounds at the Wyndham Championship.

Source: Green reaches extension with Warriors

Draymond Green entered this offseason vowing that the Golden State Warriors would remain a contender for NBA titles. His opinion hasn't changed.

Green and the Warriors have agreed on the terms of a four-year extension worth nearly \$100 million, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Saturday. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the deal was unsecured, though that was expected to be completed imminently.

ESPN first reported the agreement, citing Green's agent, Rich Paul.

Green's new deal will start with the 2020-21 season, so he is under contract through 2023-24.

Hamilton passes Verstappen for victory

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Lewis Hamilton overtook Max Verstappen near the end of the Hungarian Grand Prix to earn his 81st Formula One race victory and extend his championship lead.

The Mercedes driver is now only 10 wins behind seven-time F1 champion Michael Schumacher's record of 91.

Mercedes made a strategic gamble with about 20 laps to go to bring Hamilton in for a second tire change, while Red Bull decided to keep Verstappen out on track in this time he could defend on a difficult track for overtaking.

The much quicker tires helped Hamilton swallow up Verstappen's 20-second lead and he finally got past the Red Bull on lap 67 of 70, having failed to overtake him several times earlier in the race.



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

U.S. midfielders Rose Lavelle, second from right, and Julie Ertz, back left, battle Ireland defenders Eabha O'Mahoney, second from left, and Niamh Fahey for the ball during the second half of an international friendly on Saturday in Pasadena, Calif.

US women open victory tour

By GREG BEACHAM

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — FIFA President Gianni Infantino took time out of his vacation to drop by the Rose Bowl for a celebration of the newest women's World Cup champions.

And Infantino is confident the winners of that trophy in four years will reap even bigger rewards.

Departing coach Jill Ellis and the U.S. women's national team opened their post-World Cup domestic victory tour with a 3-0 victory over Ireland on Saturday night.

Infantino turned up in the stadium tunnel after the game to congratulate Ellis and her players, even posing for photos with the veteran coach. The Swiss executive repeated his desire to see constant growth in the women's game, including his recent declarations of his determination to double the prize money to \$60 million for an expanded 32-team women's tournament in 2023.

"We have until 2023 to discuss about the prize money," Infantino said. "I think we need to market it as well in a certain way, and I'm very confident. I'm sure we can go higher than [doubling the prize money]. We need to be optimistic."

Optimism about the women's game abounded on a celebratory evening at the famed Rose Bowl, where the U.S. women kicked off a five-city tour bringing the champions to their eager stateside fans. They'll also stop in Philadelphia, St. Paul and Charlotte before finishing in Chicago on Oct. 3 to conclude Ellis' 5½ years in charge.

Ellis announced her decision Tuesday to walk away as the first two-time women's World Cup champion coach, and this win improved her record to 103-7-18 in the U.S.' top job since 2014. The Americans' new boss will have a compressed time frame to prepare the team for the Tokyo Olympics, which will be in the semifinals at this time next year.

"To do two World Cups, it's the start of a cycle and the finish of a cycle, so I feel complete in that sense," Ellis said. "I love change. I embrace change. I have a family, and sometimes it's 150-plus days on the road. All of those things combined in this decision."

Nearly four weeks after their World Cup-clinching victory over the Netherlands, the Americans showed off the ample two-way talent with which their new coach can work.

With an enthusiastic crowd of 37,040 cheering

their every move, they had little trouble with Ireland, FIFA's 33rd-ranked side. Tobin Heath, Lindsey Horan and Carli Lloyd scored first-half goals.

"The U.S. team, the way they performed, the way they won, the way they came over and contributed greatly to the success of (the World Cup), now it's up to us together with them to build something sustainable and meaningful for the future," Infantino said.

Late in the scoreless second half, that crowd started a loud chant of "Equal pay! Equal pay!" Players on the women's team used the U.S. Soccer Federation in March, alleging gender discrimination in areas including financial compensation.

Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan missed the game while healing from minor injuries, and Malory Pugh was scratched during warmups with a minor muscle issue. Rapinoe, the Golden Ball winner in France, and Morgan got wild cheers whenever they were shown on the scoreboard sitting on the U.S. bench.

The crowd half-filled the vast stadium despite stiff ticket prices, the Rose Bowl's usual onerous parking fees and relatively short notice for the game. The fans included Kobe Bryant, actor Cecily Strong and Alessandro Del Piero, the retired Juventus star who lives in Los Angeles and owns a Hollywood restaurant.

A pregame ceremony included the unveiling of banners depicting four huge cloth stars symbolizing the Americans' record four World Cup wins.

"It was so much fun to just go out and enjoy it and not have the pressure we've been playing with," World Cup hero Rose Lavelle said.

U.S. Soccer picked an appropriate venue for the start of this tour: The Rose Bowl is the site of the team's landmark 1999 World Cup triumph, and a statue of Brandi Chastain celebrating her championship-winning penalty sits in a park near the venerable arena's front entrance.

"It's incredible to hear the fans in here, and to have them celebrate and cheer for us," Lloyd said. "It's a really special place to play."

Heath, a last-minute addition to the starting lineup, opened the scoring with a header in the 16th minute. Horan added a tap-in goal and Lloyd connected on another header shortly before halftime.

The Irish dropped to 0-13-0 against the U.S., but the experience could help their play in UEFA Women's Euros qualification, which begins against Montenegro next month.

MLB ROUNDUP

Cruz hits 3 HRs for 2nd time in 10 days

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Nelson Cruz is hardly slowing down. If anything, he's heating up.

The 39-year-old Minnesota slugger extended his recent tear Saturday night, hitting three home runs in a game for the second time in 10 days and powering the AL Central-leading Twins to an 11-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

A day after he homered, doubled twice and drove in five runs, Cruz again had five RBIs.

"I think my approach is the right one," Cruz said. "My body feels good, and I have the right approach."

Cruz hit a two-run homer in the first inning, a solo drive in the second and a two-run shot in the sixth. He didn't get a chance at a record-tying fourth home run — he was left on deck when Jorge Polanco grounded out to end the eighth.

Cruz has 11 homers and 23 RBIs in his last nine starts.

"Hopefully I keep finding runners on base," Cruz said. "I can only drive [in] runs when I find runners on base. We've got a great lineup. They all get on base for me."

Cruz connected for a career-high three homers on July 25 against the White Sox, and matched that mark against the Royals. He has 30 homers this year.

Only two other players have had two three-homer games within 10 days. Doug DeCinces did it for the California Angels on Aug. 3 and Aug. 8, 1982, and Johnny Mize did it for the St. Louis Cardinals on July 13 and July 20, 1938.

Cruz is the first Twins player to have multiple three-homer games in the same season. He's hit at least 30 homers in six consecutive seasons. Albert Pujols, Miguel Cabrera and Edwin Encarnacion are the only other active players to have accomplished that.

"Well, my vocabulary is not good enough to really do the guy justice," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "If you're around long enough, you see a lot of impressive things, but what we're watching right now is something that the likes of it, I haven't seen anything like it before. I don't think anybody else has either, but again, are we surprised that we're seeing it from him? Absolutely not. It's just what he does. He continues to go out there and produce at levels that nobody else does."

Polanco and C.J. Cron also homered for the Twins, who lead Cleveland by three games.

Jorge Soler homered and Meibrys Vilorio had two RBIs for the Royals, who have lost five consecutive games and eight of nine.

The Twins homered three times in a



Jim Mone/AP

Minnesota's Nelson Cruz runs the bases on a two-run home run off Royals pitcher Jorge Lopez during the sixth inning on Saturday in Minneapolis. It was Cruz's third home run of the game, the second time in 10 days he hit three homers in a game.

five-run second inning off Danny Duffy (5-6). Cron, reinstated from the injured list earlier in the day, hit a solo homer. Polanco later had a three-run drive, and Cruz followed with a home run.

"We've got a lot of ways we can beat you," Twins starter Kyle Gibson said. "So it's been fun to watch."

Max Kepler and Cron had RBI singles in the third. Cron finished with three hits.

Dodgers 4, Padres 1: Walker Buehler struck out 15 in his second career complete game, leading host Los Angeles to the victory.

Buehler (10-2) reached double digits in strikeouts for the fourth time this season, all since June 3.

Justin Turner hit his 17th homer as the Dodgers finished off San Diego in a tidy 2 hours, 18 minutes.

Braves 5, Reds 4 (10): Atlanta star Ronald Acuna Jr. hit an RBI single off Robert Stephenson with two outs in the 10th inning.

The Braves thought they had the game just about won in the eighth when Acuna drew a tiebreaking bases-loaded walk. But new closer Shane Greene, making his Braves debut after being acquired in a trade with Detroit, blew a save opportunity in the ninth.

Trevor Bauer allowed three runs in 4 1/2

innings in his first start with Cincinnati after he was acquired in a trade with Cleveland. Jared Hughes (3-4) got the loss.

Mets 7, Pirates 5: Wilson Ramos hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, lifting visiting New York to the win after Marcus Stroman had a shaky debut with the Mets.

Stroman, acquired in a trade with Toronto last Sunday, allowed three runs in 4 1/2 innings, but received a no-decision after the Mets pounded on Pittsburgh's bullpen.

Ramos finished with a career-high six RBIs for New York, which won for the ninth time in 11 games. Justin Wilson (3-1) earned the victory.

Cubs 4, Brewers 1: Cole Hamels pitched five shutout innings for host Chicago after spending five weeks on the injured list, and Albert Amora Jr. connected for a tiebreaking homer.

The Cubs lost All-Star catcher Willson Contreras to a right hamstring injury in the seventh. He'll undergo an MRI on Monday.

Rays 8, Marlins 6: Eric Sogard homered twice and finished with a career-high five RBIs, powering host Tampa Bay to the victory.

Willy Adames and Austin Meadows also connected as Tampa Bay won for the seventh time in eight games.

Indians 7, Angels 2: Francisco Lindor

and Jason Kipnis homered during host Cleveland's five-run fifth inning.

Carlos Santana added a solo shot in the eighth, helping the Indians to their third win in four games.

Diamondbacks 18, Nationals 7: Eduardo Escobar hit two of host Arizona's five homers and drove in a career-high seven runs.

Nick Ahmed, Jake Lamb and Alex Avila also went deep as the Diamondbacks knocked Stephen Strasburg around for the second time this season.

Strasburg (14-5) entered with a seven-game winning streak, but gave up three homers and nine runs before leaving with two outs in the fifth inning.

Athletics 8, Cardinals 3: Oakland's Mike Fiers took a shutout into the sixth inning for his eighth consecutive win.

Pinch-hitter Chad Pinder delivered a three-run homer to keep the host A's unbeaten in three games against the Cardinals this season. Stephen Piscotty added two hits against his former team and made a leaping catch at the outfield wall to take away a hit from Matt Wieters in the fifth.

Rangers 5, Tigers 4 (10): Rougned Odor homered with two outs in the 10th inning, lifting host Texas to the victory.

Odor's opposite-field drive into the Detroit bullpen in left-center came against Nick Ramirez (5-4). That was a pitch after third base umpire Dave Rackley ruled Odor was able to check his swing on 2-2 pitch.

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 4: Trey Mancini homered and drove in four runs, and host Baltimore stopped Toronto's five-game win streak.

After Toronto pulled even with two runs in the top of the seventh, Baltimore restored its lead in the bottom half. Haner Alberto hit an RBI single and Mancini added a run-scoring groundout.

Phillies 3, White Sox 2: Aaron Nola pitched seven strong innings for host Philadelphia, and Bryce Harper and Rhys Hoskins homered.

Nola (10-2) allowed one run and three hits with 10 strikeouts and two walks. He lowered his ERA to 1.91 over his last nine starts.

Giants 6, Rockies 5: Pinch-hitter Buster Posey came through with a two-run double in the eighth inning to rally San Francisco to the road win.

Scouten Gennett homered for the Giants, and Pablo Sandoval had three hits.

Posey batted with two on against Carlos Estevez (1-2) and lined a ball to right field to score pinch-runner Kevin Pillar and Austin Slater. Will Smith got three outs for his 27th save.

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Yanks sweep doubleheader with struggling Red Sox

Boston drops 7th straight

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Sale threw an 0-2 fastball at the letters past Gio Urshela in the fourth inning and didn't get the call. He raised both arms as if to say, "What's wrong?" and muttered if at plate umpire Mike Estabrook: Sale's outing in a doubleheader opener spun out of control from there, just like Boston's season.

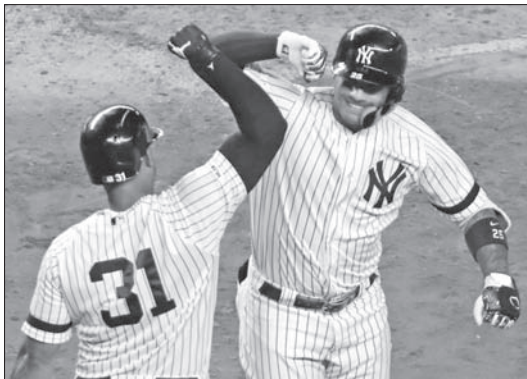
Boston was swept 9-2 and 6-4 by New York on Saturday and fell 13½ games behind the A.L. East-leading Yankees and 5½ games back of second-place Tampa Bay. The Red Sox are 59-54, with as many losses as their 2018 World Series champions (108-54).

"It seems like it has flip-flopped from last year, where they are at right now, where we are right now," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said.

Boston held a players-only meeting between games.

"Everybody's frustrated," reigning A.L. MVP Mookie Betts said. "Not every year is going to be like last year. We have to just figure out a way."

DJ LeMahieu homered twice in the day game and Gleyber Torres twice at night as New York moved a season-high 32 games over .500 at 71-39 and improved to 4-0-1 in doubleheaders this year with its first twinnip sweep of the Red Sox since August 2006.



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

Yankees on-deck batter Aaron Hicks, left, celebrates with Gleyber Torres after Torres hit a solo home run during the fifth inning in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader against the Boston Red Sox in New York.

Domingo German (14-2) won the day game and the Yankees then improved to 9-0 when using Chad Green as an opener, beating the Red Sox for the 10th time in 14 meetings.

New York slugger Edwin Encarnacion

broke his right wrist when hit by a pitch from Josh Smith in the eighth inning of the opener and estimated he will miss three-to-five weeks. Outfielder Aaron Hicks hurt his elbow on a sixth-inning throw in the second game and was to have an MRI on

Reversal of fortune

59-54

Boston's record this season after a pair of losses to the New York Yankees on Saturday. The Red Sox have already lost as many games as they did during their entire 2018 World Series championship season (108-54).

SOURCE: Associated Press

Sunday.

Sale and Cora were ejected during a seven-run fourth inning by Estabrook, livid over his strike zone. Sale nearly hit Urshela with his 1-2 pitch and wound up giving up hits to six of his next seven batters, including LeMahieu's second home run of the game.

Sale (5-11) tied his career high by allowing eight earned runs in 3½ innings and fell to 0-4 with a 9.90 ERA against the Yankees this season. He was 29-12 with a 2.56 ERA for the Red Sox when he signed a \$160 million, six-year contract in March but has a 4.68 ERA since.

SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 28

Astros 9, Mariners 0

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
M.Smith rf	3	0	0	0	Springer cf	3	1	0	0
K.Sager 3b	4	0	0	0	Mirnick cf	1	1	0	0
Narvaez c	3	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	5	2	2	1
Villalobos lf	3	0	0	0	Brentley lf	2	2	2	0
Do.Smith dh	2	0	0	0	Bregman 3b	5	0	2	2
J.Crawf ss	3	0	0	0	Alvarez dh	5	0	2	2
Alu.Nola 2b	3	0	0	0	Correa ss	5	0	2	2
Court lf	2	0	0	0	Gurriel 1b	4	0	1	1
Brosten cf	2	0	0	0	Middleton 3b	1	0	0	0
					Reddick rf	4	0	1	0
Totals	26	0	0	0	Totals	40	9	9	0

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gonzales L12-9	5	8	4	4	2	2
Wiley	2	2	2	2	0	2
Bautista	2	5	3	3	0	2

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Al.Nola (1), DP—Houston 1, LOB—Seattle 4, Houston 9. 2B—Altuve (18), Brentley 2 (31), Correa (15), Gurriel (28), 3B—Bregman (2), HR—Altuve (18), SB—M.Smith (30).						

HSP—by As.Sanchez (Narvaez), WP—Bautista. T—3:02. A—37,059 (41,168).

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 4

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Bchettes ss	5	1	2	0	Albort 3b-2b	4	1	2	1
Galvis 2b	5	1	2	0	Mancini rf	4	1	1	1
Gerr Jr lf	4	0	1	0	Snyder lf	3	0	0	0
Gerr Jr 3b	4	0	3	1	Nunez dh	4	0	0	0
Smook 1b	4	0	0	0	Sverdrup c	3	0	0	0
Grichuk dh	4	0	0	0	Villar 2b-ss	3	1	1	1
Fisher rf	0	0	0	0	C.Davis lf	3	1	0	0
Druy rf	2	1	1	0	S.Wilks cf	4	2	2	0
T.Hernan cf	4	0	2	0	B.Merri ss	2	0	0	0
McGuire c	4	1	2	1	J.Persn ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	12	4	Totals	31	6	6	0

Baltimore 101 000 200—4

E—Fisher (1), DP—Baltimore 2, LOB—Toronto 6, Baltimore 5. 2B—Bichette (4), Galvis (22), Guerrero Jr. (18), S.Wilkinson (12), HR—Galvis (18), McGuire (1), Mancini (26), Villar (14), SB—Villar (24), S—Galvis (1).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pannone	6	4	4	4	1	9
Bohoss L0-1	0	1	2	2	1	1
Shafir	1	1	0	0	1	0
Adam	1	0	0	0	1	1

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bundy	5½	5	2	2	1	7
Armstrong H5.1	1	2	1	1	0	1
Bleier B5.6	½	3	1	1	0	1
Givens W5.5	½	1	0	0	0	3
W.S.P.	1	1	1	1	0	0

Bashers pitched to 2 batters in the 7th T—2:59. A—12,951 (45,971).

Stellar: Sanchez picks up first win since April

FROM BACK PAGE

It was the second time in less than a month the last-place Mariners were no-hit by multiple pitchers. The Los Angeles Angels used two pitchers in a combined no-hitter July 12 against Seattle on a night when they honored late left-hander Tyler Skaggs by all wearing his No. 45 in their first home game since his death.

Sanchez (4-14) was replaced by Will Harris to start the seventh after throwing 92 pitches. Harris and Joe Bagnini, also obtained from the Blue Jays in the same deal that netted Sanchez, each worked one inning before Devenski tossed a perfect ninth. He retired All-Star slugger Daniel Vogelbach on a routine fly for the final out, setting off an Astros celebration on the field.

"This is awesome," Sanchez said, adding: "You can't write it up any better than this." Sanchez struck out six, walked two and hit a batter with a pitch in his first win since late April.

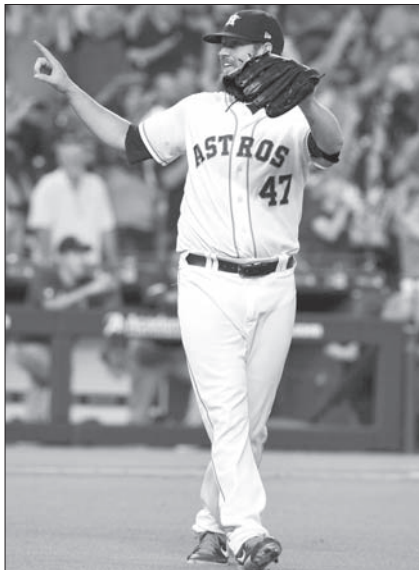
Houston manager AJ Hinch patted Sanchez on the chest after he finished the sixth, and pitching coach Brent Strom offered a hearty handshake.

The Astros have a history of improving the performance of pitchers they acquire.

"We don't have magic dust," Hinch insisted after Sanchez was added.

Still, Sanchez was eager to get going with his new team.

"I'm sure there's things that are on their mind and things



ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH/AP

Astros relief pitcher Chris Devenski smiles after the final out of the team's win and four-pitcher combined no-hitter against the Seattle Mariners on Saturday in Houston.

that are on my mind. It's an open line of communication here," he said after the deal. "I'm thrilled to see what they've got for me. I'm thrilled to kind of share my thoughts with them and bounce ideas off of each other and see where it goes."

Sanchez plunked Omar Narvaez with two outs in the first inning and retired the next nine batters before walking Vogelbach with two outs in the fourth. Ryan Court hit a soft grounder with two outs in the fifth but first baseman Yuli Gurriel fielded it and tossed it to Sanchez, who dashed to first base just in front of Court for the third out.

Sanchez walked Mallex Smith with one out in the sixth, then retired the next two batters to end the inning.

Harris walked Domingo Santana with one out in the seventh, but J.P. Crawford grounded into a double play.

Mike Fiers pitched the previous no-hitter for Houston against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Jan. 21, 2015. That game came in his third start with the Astros, just 23 days after they obtained him in a trade, and it was his first career complete game.

Houston used six pitchers in a combined no-hitter at Yankee Stadium in 2003.

Besides the Angels' combined effort, Fiers has the only other no-hitter in the majors this season, for Oakland on May 7 against Cincinnati.

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Alabama coach Nick Saban signs a football for a fan during the team's fan day following a rain-soaked scrimmage on Saturday at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Saban denies he offered Smith job

Tide coach says he only talked with ex-Ohio State assistant who was fired after domestic violence accusations

By JOHN ZENOR

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama coach Nick Saban denies offering a job to ex-Ohio State assistant Zach Smith last year, citing the results of a background check as the reason.

The Crimson Tide's connection with Smith surfaced with the release Friday of former Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer's texts and emails by Ohio State after an external investigation into what he knew about allegations of domestic violence made by Smith's ex-wife, Courtney Smith.

Meyer fired Smith in July 2018. Months earlier, Saban talked to Smith about a job, although accounts differ about whether an offer was extended.

"We talk to a lot of coaches about a lot of things," Saban said Saturday at the Tide's media day. "I really never did offer this guy a job. We did interview him and he did a nice job in the interview. But it's when we did the background check, that we decided that it was a better opportunity to hire somebody else and that's what we did."

The receivers coach and co-offensive coordinator job went instead to Josh Gattis.

Ohio State investigated Meyer and suspended him for mishandling previous issues involving Smith. Meyer retired after the 2018 season.

Once Saban's biggest SEC rival at Florida, Meyer wrote in two January 2018 texts, including one to Ohio State President Michael Drake, that Alabama had offered Smith an assistant coaching job.

Meyer wrote Drake that Smith was among six members of his coaching staff offered other jobs.

Meyer also wrote that Alabama pursued four Ohio State assistants, including Smith, Greg Schiano, Kerry Coombs and Alex Grinch.

"I told him to stay and he turned it down," Meyer wrote of Smith. A text message from Smith to Meyer said: "They (the Tide) offered me the job and I wanted to sleep on it last night before deciding but it doesn't feel right."

It never got that far, according to Saban. He indicated it was a case of a coach using interest from another school as leverage with his employer.

"I think it's pretty common that sometimes people that get interviewed somewhere or someone calls and shows interest in them that...the way this profession works is that you go in and use that as leverage to try to improve your situation where you are now," Saban said.

On Saturday, Alabama held its media and fan day with an open practice at Bryant Denny Stadium. A notable absence was linebacker Eyiab Anoma.

The former five-star recruit has been dismissed from school, Saban said. He declined to elaborate on the reason.

"The guy was dismissed from school, and that's really all I can say about it," Saban said.

Anoma was the No. 4 overall prospect in the 2018 recruiting class, according to the 247Sports Composite ratings. He had nine tackles in 12 games last season, including two for a loss.

Jags' Ngakoue ends holdout, arrives at camp without deal

By MARK LONG

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Yannick Ngakoue's holdout failed to land him a new contract.

The standout pass rusher reported to Jacksonville Jaguars training camp Sunday following an 11-day absence and is ready to play out his rookie deal. He insisted he's not angry and not worried about risking an injury that could cost him millions.

Ngakoue passed his conditioning test an hour before practice and took his usual spot with the first-team defense. The Jaguars traveled to Baltimore later Sunday for two days of joint practices with the Ravens — it's about a 45-minute drive from Ngakoue's hometown.

"At the end of the day, they had a chance to sign me for a long-term deal, but it didn't get done," he said. "I love football, love my teammates and I'm here to play games."

Ngakoue is entering the final year of a \$3.84 million contract. He is due to make \$2.025 million this fall — far less than other top playmakers at his position. He also is facing \$528,650 in fines — more than a quarter of his salary — because he skipped a three-day minicamp in June and nearly two days of training camp.

He had been seeking more than \$20 million a year, but the Jaguars seemingly don't consider the former third-round draft pick from Maryland a complete or elite defensive end. Jacksonville also selected Ngakoue's potential

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Yannick Ngakoue

Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end

replacement, Josh Allen from Kentucky, with the seventh overall pick in the NFL Draft and is expected to make Jalen Ramsey the league's highest-paid corner-back next year.

Ngakoue is willing to bet on himself in 2019.

"I know my value, I know my worth," he said. "That's all I can say. Doesn't matter about anybody else knowing my value. I showed each and every year."

According to the NFL's collective bargaining agreement, Ngakoue had to report by Tuesday to accrue a fourth season and become an unrestricted free agent in 2020. Had he reported after the deadline, he would have become a restricted free agent.

Being a restricted free agent would have allowed the Jaguars to match any team's contract offer.

Instead, Ngakoue will try to prove his worth to Jacksonville or persuade someone else to give him a lucrative deal in March. The Jags also could use the franchise tag on him next year, locking him up for 2020 or possibly try to trade him.

"I don't get myself involved in that stuff," coach Doug Marrone said. "We're happy to have him back and ready to go."

The 24-year-old Ngakoue had

29½ sacks and 10 forced fumbles the last three seasons. He had with 28 tackles and 9½ sacks last year but had no strip sacks for the first time in his NFL career.

Still, he had hoped to join a list of top-flight pass rushers who have cashed in recently.

Dallas' Demarcus Lawrence and Kansas City's Frank Clark signed five-year, \$105 million contracts. Lawrence got \$65 million guaranteed; Clark received \$62.3 million guaranteed.

Trey Flowers signed a five-year, \$90 million deal with Detroit that included \$56 million guaranteed. And Dee Ford signed a five-year, \$85 million contract with San Francisco that included \$45 million guaranteed.

Ngakoue has more sacks than Lawrence (26), Ford (25) and Flowers (21) over the last three years. Clark has 32 during the same span.

Lawrence, Ford and Flowers have each missed multiple games, though.

"I view myself as unique," Ngakoue said. "I don't even compare myself to no other pass-rusher. No disrespect to those guys. ... I'm my own player. I feel like I bring a different aspect to the game. Stats show."



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Yannick Ngakoue ended his holdout over a new contract on Sunday. Ngakoue was seeking more than \$20 million per year, up from his current \$3.84 million deal.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



RON SCHWANE/AP

NFL inductees and family members pose with busts during Saturday's induction ceremony at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. From left are Johnny Robinson, Kevin Mawae, Tony Gonzalez, Ed Reed, Ty Law, Champ Bailey and Pat Bowlen's family.

Gonzalez, Reed among 8 new inductees

TE, DB, Bailey, Law get emotional during speeches; Broncos' Bowlen enters posthumously

By BARRY WILNER
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WHAT a defensive backfield in gold jackets: Ed Reed, Ty Law and Champ Bailey.

And what a challenge they had throughout their careers, trying to cover fellow inductee Tony Gonzalez.

All four entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night.

"Fitting to be in here with Mr. Johnny Robinson and Champ and Ty," Reed said. "My DBs know it was always about us."

Sort of. But Gonzalez, like Bailey elected in his first eligible year, showed how pro football could be all about the tight end.

A six-time All-Pro, Gonzalez helped revolutionize the position, lining up in traditional tight end spots as well as flanked out or in the backfield — pretty much everywhere on the field. Then he beat many of those defensive backs everywhere on the field in 12 seasons with Kansas City and five with Atlanta. He stands second in receptions with 1,325 only to Jerry Rice.

His final totals included 15,127 yards receiving and 111 touchdowns in the regular season. He made 14 Pro Bowls and the NFL All-Decade Team of the 2000s.

He particularly thanked his 101-year-old grandmother, his wife, who he said doesn't like football, and the fans in KC. Gonzalez was one of the most popular players in the entire league for those 17 seasons.

"After I was traded, I went back to play a game in Kansas City," he recalled. "During pregame they introduced me, which I thought was very special. Then something happened, one of the greatest moments of my career: The fans began yelling for me."

While Gonzalez, now a broadcaster, delivered a smooth speech until his eyes welled up when addressing his mother, Bailey, Reed and Law's voices frequently broke during theirs.

Law spoke of his family's support, and his hometown, Aliquippa, Pa., which also produced his uncle, Tony Dorsett, and Mike Ditka — both Hall of Famers.

"I know there ain't no crying in football," Law joked.

Law became the first inductee from New England's standout defense that won three Super Bowls in the early 2000s. One of the

'I knock on this door and I tell all of you: I am home.'

Kevin Mawae

First Hall of Fame member of Hawaiian descent

most versatile and physical cornerbacks the NFL has seen, Law was selected for five Pro Bowl teams and was a two-time All-Pro. He finished with 53 career interceptions, twice leading the NFL in that category, had more than 800 tackles, 169 passes defensed, five sacks, and scored seven times.

Perhaps Law's most noteworthy game came in the 2002 Super Bowl, when his hard-hitting style upset Rams receivers and threw off the "Greatest Show on Turf." That was emblematic of his attacking style — and soon after led to rules changes limiting how physical defenders could be against receivers.

Reed was just as big a playmaker for Baltimore, a safety who fellow enshrinee Ray Lewis called "a gift" to the Ravens and himself. He was elected in his first year of eligibility, just as Lewis was last year, and called for unity in America, setting a standard like a team's — each pushing one another toward an achievement.

"Help each other, encourage each other, lift each other up," Reed said. "Encourage those around you. Encourage yourself."

Reed, a five-time All-Pro safety and member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, was the 2004 Defensive Player of the Year and made nine Pro Bowls. He had 64 career interceptions, seventh overall; led the NFL in picks three times; and his 1,590 yards on interception returns is a league mark. His 13 non-offense TDs rank fifth all time.

Bailey played for Washington and Denver in his 15-year career, and was a force by the Redskins in 1999. He intercepted 54 passes, including one against New England he returned for 100 yards in the 2005 divisional playoffs.

A 12-time Pro Bowler, a record for the position, and three-time All-Pro who made the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s, Bailey was the seventh overall draft pick by the Redskins in 1999. He was dealt to Denver in 2004 for running back Clinton Portis in a steal for the Broncos.

Bailey credited Hall of Fame cornerbacks Darrell Green and Deion Sanders, mentors with the Redskins, for setting his foundation in the pros. Yet he noted he was "consumed by the game" that "gives a person discipline and perseverance," but it doesn't prepare you for "real life."

Referring to his fellow African Americans, Bailey asked that everyone listen "when we tell you about our fears. ... When we tell you there are many challenges we face because of the color our skin, please listen. And please do not get caught up in how the message is delivered."

"If we start listening, there is no limit to the progress we can make."

Inducted earlier were Kevin Mawae, Pat Bowlen, Johnny Robinson and Gil Brandt.

Mawae never betrayed the lessons he learned when he first began playing football — flag football, no less.

"I learned to love the preparation, the plays and the puzzle," Mawae said. "I loved putting on my uniform and cleats. I learned to never step on the field without being ready to work."

Mawae was an outstanding center for three NFL teams, and a key union force during the 2011 lockout of players. His leadership, along with his talent and determination, made him a three-time All-Pro and eight-time Pro Bowler with the Seahawks, Jets and Titans, and the center on the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000s.

Offensive lineman rarely should be judged by statistics, but consider that Mawae blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher in 13 of his 16 seasons — by five different running backs, capped by the NFL's sixth 2,000-yard rushing performance, by Tennessee's Chris Johnson in 2009, Mawae's final season.

Mawae, who was presented by his wife, Tracy, is the first player of Hawaiian descent and the second Polynesian member of the hall, following the late Junior Seau. His speech paid warm tribute to his family and the inspiration and love they provided.

"I knock on this door and I tell all of you,"

he concluded in his speech, "I am home."

Bowlen's Denver Broncos made more Super Bowls (seven, winning three) than they had losing seasons. Under Bowlen's leadership, Denver went 354-240-1 from 1984 through last season. He was the first owner in NFL history to oversee a team that won 300 games — including playoffs — in a span of three decades.

On the league level, the highly respected Bowlen, who died in June, worked on several influential committees, including co-chairing the NFL Management Council and working on network TV contracts such as the league's ground-breaking \$18 billion deal in 1998.

Bowlen once said the Hall of Fame is where legends go. He's now there, with his children huddling around the bust on the stage, several of them patting it on the head.

Brandt has been in the NFL so long he scouted Robinson. Brandt was procuring talent for the Dallas Cowboys in their initial season of 1960 when Robinson came out of LSU as a running back and eventually became a star safety.

Finally, in 2019, they are wearing gold jackets.

"After all this time, I thought I had been forgotten," Robinson said. "To receive that knock on the door ... was surreal to me."

Brandt paid tribute to his true calling: talent evaluation.

"What you do in securing talent is the lifeblood of football," he said. "Seeing that player that was something special ... or going to a D-3 campus and finding a diamond in the rough. I want all of you to look at my election into the Hall of Fame as a tip of the cap to you."

Brandt, who was enshrined as a contributor, developed the Dallas scouting system that emphasized computers far before most other teams; scouted the historically black colleges and small colleges for talent; made signing undrafted free agents a science; and worked with Hall of Famers Tex Schramm, the team president, and coach Tom Landry, to build a dynasty.

Robinson's induction makes for a half-dozen members of the great Kansas City Chiefs' defense of the 1960s who have been enshrined. Robinson joins Willie Lerner, Bobby Bell, Buck Buchanan, Emmitt Thomas and Curley Culp.

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Smart move

Recent acquisition
Sanchez stellar in
combined no-hitter
debut with Houston

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
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HOUSTON

Aaron Sanchez looked like a reinvented pitcher in his Houston debut, throwing six stellar innings to start the Astros on a combined no-hitter Saturday night in their 9-0 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Sanchez was an All-Star in 2016 and led the American League in ERA, but he's struggled badly this season and had lost 13 straight decisions to lead the majors with 14 losses. Three days after he was acquired from Toronto at the trade deadline, the 27-year-old right-hander teamed with Will Harris, Joe Biagini and

Chris Devenski to shut down Seattle. "Just trying to have a good first impression," Sanchez said.

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